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Information about homework for the coming school year

Dear Parents,

At the beginning of each school year we always send parents information about the homework their children will receive each week.

First and foremost we are very grateful for the support parents give us and know that you will agree with us that homework is a vital part of your child's education, encourages a positive work ethic and builds on the work which they do in school, every day.

All children from Y1 to Y6 are provided with a homework diary/book. In this book will be details of your child's weekly homework and in the front of this book will also be brief guidelines from your child's class teacher, relating to the specific class your child is in. Details of which day homework will be sent out and when it is expected to be returned to school will also be included.

All children will receive homework **every week** and will usually have a week to complete this. The amount of homework will of course depend on the age of the child and will be age appropriate.

Homework will include–

- Spellings [every week] these will be written in a spelling log book from the new spelling scheme [Y2-Y6]
- Maths – this may be on a separate sheet or in the homework book
 - The children will also have activities on the Abacus website and separate information will be sent to parents about the Abacus Scheme
- Literacy – this may include writing, specific areas of grammar or reading comprehension
 - Literacy and numeracy homework will be sent home alternate weeks ie one week there will be maths and the next literacy

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- Reading – we expect children to read their reading book at home **every day** regardless of which class they are in. There will be reading incentives in all classes to encourage the children to read at home eg the children may collect a raffle ticket when they read at home a certain number of times and the raffle ticket will then go into a prize draw
- Research towards a project being undertaken in class

Guidance for parents –

- Please encourage your child to take responsibility for their homework, complete it and return it to school **on time**
- The “right time” to do homework will be different for all children, but please help them by creating a quiet space [without the television!] when your child can concentrate and settle to their work
- Please encourage your child to complete their homework independently – by all means talk to them about their work and encourage them but homework is a continuation of work done in class so all children should be able to make a good attempt on their own.
- When times tables have been set as homework, parents can help children learn these by playing games or “testing” that they have learned them
- Reading out loud is **vital** for all children, right to the very end of Y6 as it helps children really understand what they are reading. Sharing a book with your child should be rewarding and enjoyable and parents play a very important role – please read with your child every day – it is probably the most important homework of all!!
- If your child is really struggling with a particular piece of homework or is taking a long time to complete homework, please either – write a note in the homework diary for the class teacher or call in to school to have a chat
- If your child does not bring homework home, please talk to your child’s class teacher at the earliest opportunity – homework is a vital part of your child’s education and undertaking this on a weekly basis will have a significant impact on their learning.
- Similarly, if children do not bring their homework back to school on a regular basis than class teachers will get in touch with parents to discuss this.

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We have made some changes to the way in which we are teaching reading and spelling this year –

Reading

We are introducing daily reading comprehension for children in Y1 to Y6. The children will have a reading comprehension lesson each day to develop their understanding of the texts they read. Parents can support at home by asking children different questions about the books they are reading; these are vital skills which support the children with all their learning in school.

Spelling

We are introducing a new spelling scheme for Y2-Y6. These are fun, interactive sessions which the children will take part in every day. As part of this new scheme the children will bring home their own spelling log book. Each week the children will choose which words they are finding challenging to practice at home. Parents, carers and older siblings can support by calling out each of these words in turn and every time the child spells them correctly the adult or sibling can write their initial next to the word. The child can spell the word out loud or write it down.

This will enable teachers to track your child's progress with learning these challenging words.

Children will have new spellings every Wednesday. School is supplying the spelling log books but if children lose their books then parents will need to fund the cost of replacing them.

Homework is a vitally important part of your child's learning and we thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely

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