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Dear parent/carer

## Homework

We have recently reviewed our homework arrangements and have made some small changes for this year. Homework is an important part of your child's learning and I hope you will support us in making sure your child does their homework to the best of their ability. All children are expected to read at least four times per week. Obviously, the level that they read at is dependent on age and ability and our older pupils will not necessarily need to read to parents. In upper Key Stage 2, independent reading is important. However, the most important thing that you can do to support your child is to read with them, talking about the text and making sure that your child understands what they have read.

When you read with your child, we would appreciate it if you could write in their reading diary to show that they have read. Please note that when your child reads at school, it will not necessarily be noted in their reading diary. This is because the teachers record the children's reading in their assessment file, making careful notes on the targets that have been achieved and the next steps for the child, rather than in the home reading diary.

All weekly homework is given out on Friday and is due in on Wednesday the next week. This gives the teachers time to mark the homework, before setting the next piece of work.

Class	Homework
Year R	<ul> <li>Reading &amp; speed sounds</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Counting practice</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Spellings</li> </ul>
Year 1	<ul> <li>Reading &amp; Speed sounds</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Number bonds/tables practice</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Half termly topic project</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Spellings</li> </ul>
Year 2	<ul> <li>Reading &amp; Spellings</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Tables/maths practice</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Half termly topic project</li> </ul>

Class	Homework
Year 3	<ul> <li>Reading &amp; Spellings</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Tables/maths practice</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Half termly topic project</li> </ul>
Year 4	<ul> <li>Reading &amp; Spellings</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Tables/maths practice</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Half termly topic project</li> </ul>
Year 5	<ul> <li>Reading &amp; Spellings</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Tables/maths practice</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Weekly literacy or maths</li> </ul>
	homework (alternating)
	<ul> <li>Half termly topic project</li> </ul>
Year 6	<ul> <li>Reading &amp; Spellings</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Tables/maths practice</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Weekly literacy and maths</li> </ul>
	homework
	<ul> <li>Half termly topic project</li> </ul>

Children in YR – Y4 will not have a regular weekly written piece of homework. They will have spellings and times tables practice set by their teachers. From Y5 onwards, children will receive regular written pieces of homework to be handed in. All children will still receive a half-termly topic homework.

Obviously, we want all children to complete their homework but know that some children do not always hand their homework in for one reason or another. We recognise that as children get older, they need less support at home and need to take more responsibility for their homework. Younger children are more dependent on their parents for homework. For the children in Y5 and Y6 we expect that all will complete their weekly homework and hand it in on time. We encourage the children to take a pride in their homework and hand it in on time. Those children in Y5 and Y6 who do not hand homework in will receive a lunchtime detention. Children are rewarded with Teampoints and praise when completing their homework.

Spelling lists can be downloaded from Homework section of the school website under the "For Parents" tab and will be sent home next week. For times tables, the expectation is that children learn up to  $12 \times 12$  by the end of Year 4.

I hope that this clearly explains our approach to homework and that you will support your child to do the best that they can. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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Mr A Smith

Headteacher