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Dear Parents,

In order to support your child's learning at home, they will receive weekly homework. This will consist of: a grammar workbook, a maths workbook, weekly spellings and home reading books. We ask that these are brought to and from school in the homework folder given in order to preserve these books as best as we can for the duration of the year.

When is homework due?

Homework is collected and checked and new homework is generally set every Monday. A weekly spelling and times tables test will also take place. Homework is expected to be completed every week unless exceptional circumstances have been agreed with the class teacher. (If there are any specific requirements for a particular class, these will notified seperatly in the class newsletter that you will receive.)

How will I know which pages of the book to complete?

Your child will record the pages he/she is to complete in their planner weekly, so it is really important that their **planners are brought to and from school daily** to maintain good home-school communication. If you have any doubts, just ask a member of staff.

I really want to do extra with my child, can I do more than the pages set?

It is very tempting to let the children complete more pages of homework than have been set, particularly if they have some additional spare time at home. We ask that you only complete the pages given in school books as they are an expensive resource intended to last the pupil a full academic year. However, if you wish to support your child there are a whole range of useful resource books available to buy cheaply on websites such as Amazon etc.

Will my child always know how to do their homework?



Whilst we try, wherever possible, to link the homework pages to the learning in class that week, this isn't always possible as certain areas are consolidated or repeated where necessary. Try not to worry, whilst reinforcement is useful, homework should not be intended as an assessment task or an indicator of attainment.

Monitoring of Homework.

Staff will check that homework has been completed and make a note of any children who may not have fully understood their work for additional support if appropriate. They will not however, mark each piece of homework in detail as the work is primarily for consolidation of work in school as the answers are provided in the back of the books for parents to help support at home.

Children are encouraged to get in to good homework habits and to return their homework at the correct time. This is an important skill and essential preparation for secondary school. If for some exceptional reason children cannot complete their homework on time, additional time may be made within school for it to be finished. However, children who regularly fail to complete their homework will be asked to see the headteacher to talk about the problem. This will usually happen after the third piece of incomplete or missing homework.

How can I help my child with their homework?

You can achieve the greatest impact from homework by:

- * helping your child to mark their own work (the answers are provided in the back of the books)
- * Supporting and explaining any areas your child finds difficult.
- * Reading with your child every day.
- * Asking recall facts such as times tables, quick spellings daily.

Thank you for all the support you give your child. It is so important and greatly appreciated.

And finally...

We do not want homework to be stressful or an unpleasant task for the children and if you do have any concerns please arrange to talk to your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to help.

Yours sincerely

Tim Hiley
Headteacher (Interim)

