



18th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

As your child enters a new academic year, this is a letter to set out the organisation and expectations of homework for the year. Homework is an essential part of school life, supporting the curriculum, subject interests and developing core skills such as organisation and independent learning. Following last year, we have spent time reviewing our approach to homework and have made the decision to make some changes. This letter outlines the expectations for homework.

To support your child with their learning, we ask you to focus on 3 key areas:

1. Reading
2. Spelling
3. Maths

Reading

We aim to develop a love of reading and encourage children to read texts that interest them. We encourage children to read books from a range of genres. In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, children will be given a book to take home and read, this book will be linked to the phonics sounds that they are focused on in class. As children become fluent, they will move to chapter books. At this point, we would ask you to support your child to find a book that will engage them and they will enjoy reading.

- EYFS: Reading and sharing books daily; adults to keep a signed record in the Reading Record Book.
- Year 1 and Year 2: Reading and sharing books daily with parents/carers keeping a signed record in the Reading Record Book at least 4 times weekly.
- Year 3/4/5/6: Reading and sharing books daily, with children or parents/carers keeping a record in the Reading Record Book at least 4 times weekly.

Reading logs will be monitored weekly, class teachers will choose when this is carried out for their class, and this will be shared individually by class teachers. Where Reading logs are not completed, children will be asked to read with an adult in school during the school day.

Spelling

Regular rehearsal of spellings is essential for the children. For children in Year 1 and Year 2, they will receive weekly spellings linked to the phonics sounds that they are focusing on in class. For children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6, spellings will be set via Spelling Shed. All children across the school have a logon for Spelling Shed. **In addition to using Spelling Shed**, please encourage your child to carefully hand write the spellings **as part of their spelling practise**. Spellings will be tested weekly; the day of the test will be shared individually by class teachers. Login details will be sent out later this week.



Maths

As with spelling, regular rehearsal of the times tables is greatly beneficial. Children are expected to know all times tables up to 12×12 and the division facts by the end of year 4. Please encourage your child to practise their times tables in a number of ways – one of those being on TT Rockstars. Login details will be sent out later this week.

We will be using *MyMaths* for weekly homework. *MyMaths* is a whole school interactive resource that children can access through either a tablet or a computer. Children will be expected to complete a weekly activity on *MyMaths*, this activity will link to the week's learning and will be an opportunity for children to practise and consolidate what they have learnt in class across the week. Then, similar to spellings, **this will be followed by a short 10 question test in class the following week.** The day of the test will be shared individually by class teachers. Login details will be sent out later this week.

- *MyMaths*: *MyMaths* homework will be set for Year 1 to Year 6, on a Friday each week, starting from **22nd September 2023.**

Wider Curriculum – Retrieval Grids

All homework will be uploaded onto Google Classroom, including the Retrieval Grids that were set as homework for the children last year. These will be set as additional and optional homework and are available for children to complete if they choose to do so. These grids are linked to the topics/learning journeys that are taught within their year group and are designed to support children to recall and build on the knowledge that they have around a subject topic that they are learning about in class. **This will be optional homework.**

Google Classroom

We will be moving to Google Classroom to share and upload your child's weekly homework. Login details will be sent out later this week.

If you have any queries, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Best wishes

Mrs N Grant
Principal