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Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have made such a great return to school and are working really hard in class. Now they are seeming more settled we are ready to think about homework. Since we have returned to school, we have been reviewing the best way to set homework given the current circumstances. Where possible we really want to minimise the amount of books coming home and being returned to school. Therefore, we have made some changes to what we are setting and how children will access it.

Reading

Due to the current hygiene measures in place at the school, books will be **go home on a Monday** and will be **returned to school on Friday**. This will allow the books to be quarantined before going back out. Because their books are shorter, some younger year groups will have the opportunity to change their books midweek on a Wednesday. We will be encouraging children to read their book more than once as this is good practice regardless of the hygiene measures now in place. We will no longer be sending home a weekly comprehension based task but be placing much more emphasis on children reading their reading books at home regularly and with an adult. We will be expecting all children to read their reading book at home for a minimum of 20 minutes at least 3 times a week. The reading records will be used to monitor this.

Spelling and Phonics

We are really working hard to help the children improve their phonic knowledge and spelling across the school. Each week, classes will work on a sound or spelling pattern appropriate to the class. They will also work to learn words from the core list of words specific to their year group. On the school website each week, in the home learning area, teachers will upload the core words that are being learned that week. We would encourage you to help your child really learn these words. Along with this, there will be a spelling pattern or rule. There will be a few examples of words using these patterns but the emphasis for the week will be on the children investigating this pattern for themselves. It could very easily link with their home reading with them looking to spot words using that pattern in their books.

Maths Key Stage One

Securing early number knowledge is essential in Key Stage One and so the focus for their homework will be on this. On the website, in the home learning area for their year group will be details for the term of challenges to complete. This will include things such as number bonds, doubling numbers, adding one more or one less for example. We would encourage you to look at the focus for each week and help them to become more confident with this. This could be done practically with things found at home or there are good songs on Youtube which may help them.



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Maths Key Stage Two

As children progress through Key Stage Two, it becomes more and more important for them to be able to recall all their times tables. All the children have a TTRockstars login and should aim to log in 3 times a week. All the children will be assessed by the program at the start to see where they should start and then the program will increase the difficulty as they get more confident. In addition to this, we have purchased an online maths program called MyMaths. This will allow the teachers to set a task each week for them to complete online and 'hand in' on the website. This will then allow the teachers to see how your child has got on. Your child will get a username and password which they use to access the website and find their task. There are also maths games on there that they may wish to do in addition to the set tasks. To begin with the children will only be working on TTRockstars, but once they receive their MyMaths log in they will have a task to complete.

We hope this is clear and helpful to you in knowing what to expect in terms of homework for your child. As this is a new approach to homework across the school, we will continue with it until the end of the Autumn term and then review it and change anything should we feel we need to.

Kind Regards

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