



Dear Parents and Carers

Homework Expectations

We would like to clarify our expectations in terms of homework - in general, weekly homework consists of the following elements:

Daily practice

- Reading: The key to so many aspects of your child's learning. We ask that children try to read for at least 10 minutes every night. We realise that sometimes this may not be possible so please ensure it happens **at least four times a week**. Also, please bear in mind that one of the most wonderful things is to share a book together with your child before bedtime. **All home reading must be recorded and signed in your child reading record.**
- Times Tables; From Year 1, daily practising times tables is essential to support maths confidence and build knowledge. All children (from reception) have an individual membership to the Times Tables Rockstar website which can be accessed from homework. Occasionally, teachers may set times tables tests to support learning.

Weekly Key Skills Maths and English – this homework is sent home on a Friday to be returned the following Friday.

- Spellings (Y2-6): Children will be given **weekly spelling activities** which are linked to current class teaching to complete at home.
- English and Maths: We send home weekly skills sheets for English and Maths. These sheets support children in developing important key skills and knowledge.

Children must bring their completed homework to school on a Friday morning as we will mark this together in class. If homework is not completed each Friday, children will be asked to complete work during Friday lunchtime.

In addition to these homework expectations, teachers may send further activities to support our class topics. Please note, these are suggestions only and are designed to be fun and engaging. We have seen some fabulous pieces of art or models recent years but, again, this is at your discretion.

There is always a difficult balance to strike in terms of homework as time pressures vary from family to family and we all have occasions when it is difficult to fit everything in. Children need to understand the importance of homework, particularly in relation to the key areas listed above, but we do not want to cause any unnecessary worry or upset at home. If you have an occasion where a problem arises from homework, please speak to your child's class teacher and some agreed arrangement will be made.

Thank you for your support.