



Friday 11th September

Dear parents/carers,

As we are getting into routine in school, I thought it important that you were made aware of the expectations regarding homework in Maple Class.

Homework will be sent home on a Friday to be handed in the following Friday, the specific dates will be at the top of the sheet. This will alternate between Maths and English homework and will be recorded in separate books. This is to continue learning at home and allow children time to reflect on the work that they have completed thus far. I do not want homework to become a source of stress or anxiety. It has been explained to the children that homework is not a test but will allow me to see where gaps in their knowledge are, please reiterate this.

Spellings will be uploaded onto the School Website every Friday, that will be tested the following Friday. Children will be expected to learn these and a record will be kept of their progress.

In addition, children will have a home – school reading journal. The expectation is that children are reading every day for 20 minutes and an adult signature will be provided to ensure that this occurs. Studies have shown that this exposes children to 1.8 million words a year and pupils that do so outperform others in all subjects. I recommend that children read out loud to an adult who can ask them some questions to check their understanding. Please ensure that this is a pleasurable experience as reading for pleasure is an important life skill. Children will be given a book from school that will be changed weekly. This book will be on a level that provides challenge and opportunities to develop their comprehension skills. If this book is finished earlier than any reading of their own books, magazines or periodicals can be recorded at the back of the journal. I believe reading can also help with any feelings of anxiety as studies have shown to it be an effective way to calm a busy mind.

Half Term Homework

As Our Curriculum is topic based, we normally set homework activities based on the topic the children have been learning. The children have a wealth of knowledge about the specific topic, as they will have been learning about it throughout the half term. Unfortunately, under the current circumstances with wanting to reduce the amount of things coming into school from home, we will not be setting any half term homework in this term. This will be reviewed at the beginning of the Spring Term.

For Year 2 there are booster classes offered on a Wednesday and a Friday. I cannot recommend that children attend this classes strongly enough as they will be invaluable not only for the SATs but also to their education in general. We will be covering all of the key points that children will need during their SATs, along with any additional support for topics they are struggling with.

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Should you encounter any difficulties with any of the homework, please notify me as soon as possible so I can assist in any way I can.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter,

Kindest regards,

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