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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have recently been reviewing our homework policy. We are aware that homeschooling was not easy and so have wanted to give children and parents and carers a break from formalised homework since the children returned to school on 8th March.

We do need to slowly reintroduce a formalised approach to homework and we are suggesting a scaled back approach on a trial basis for the second half of the summer term. The idea would be to place a focus on basic skills - asking parents and carers to develop a "little and often" approach to homework. We will trial this for the second half of the summer term and will then ask parents and carers for their feedback before we adapt and formalise our homework policy from September 2021.

Year Group	Spelling	Maths	Reading	Discovery
Reception	2/5 tricky or high frequency words to learn a week as and when the children are ready - no test.	Number formation activities and red maths challenge as and when children are ready.	Reading Cafe - Reading at home every day. Parents/carers reading to their child and/or child reading to parents/carers. Recorded in reading record. Reading passport activity.	ESC Passport - tasks set for the half term. Handed in every half term. Booklets completed and "evidence" collected.
Year 1	5 tricky words to learn a week - test on a Monday.	Maths Challenge Practice - children to practice for their maths challenges - challenges set on a Monday.		**Discovery Homework.** Every half term the class topic will be posted onto the Google Classroom - children can research an aspect of that topic and produce a piece of work linked to that topic. Every half term children will be invited to bring this work in and there will be a celebration of homework - children will be awarded with special stickers/certificates for effort and achievement.
Year 2	5 spelling words from Y2 list - test on a Monday.		Reading Cafe - child reads to parents/carers every day. Recorded in reading record. Reading Passport activity.	
Year 3	5 spelling words from Y3/4 list - test on a Monday.			
Year 4	5 spelling words from Y3/4 list - test on a Monday.		Reading Cafe - Child reads to parents/carers or independently every day. Recorded in reading record. Reading Passport Activity.	
Year 5	5 spelling words from Y5/6 list - test on a Monday.		Reading Cafe - Child reads independently every day. Child records what they have read in their reading record and this is signed by an adult. Reading Passport activity.	
Year 6	5 spelling words from Y5/6 list - test on a Monday.			

- All spelling lists and suggested activities for how to practice spellings will be posted on the Google Classroom for the half term ahead.

- Sample maths challenges at all levels (appropriate for the children in the class) will be posted onto the classroom as well as suggested websites that children can use to practice the skills covered by each maths challenge. Any child who is already a "Times Table Champion" will be set an alternative weekly challenge.

- The Reading Cafe Passport will be posted to the classroom so that children can try a different activity each week. Children can record which of these (optional) activities they have done in their reading record and will earn bonus points for their class for each one that they complete.

- Discovery Homework: The topic for the half term will be posted to the classroom and children can choose to complete this at any point throughout the half term.

- All of the above will be available to view on your child's Google Classroom on Friday 28th May for the second half of the summer term.

- Reception - The ESC Passport - information about how we intend to continue with this will be sent separately by the reception team.

If you have any questions about homework, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

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