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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you once again to those of you who completed the homework survey. As promised, we are now in a position to finalise our homework systems.

Homework

Feedback about the homework system that we trialled for the last half term was generally positive and over 80% felt that the amount of homework that was being set was about right. Those who completed the survey were overwhelmingly in favour of a basic skills approach to homework. There was an almost completely even split between those who favoured a basic skills only approach and those who preferred basic skills with some kind of research based discovery homework. We have taken on board feedback and made the following adjustments:

- Homework will be set on the Google classroom but it will also be sent home on paper at the start of every half term, this is because some parents and carers were finding the use of Google Classroom to be problematic whilst others said they felt it made their lives easier.
- Children will all be given a homework book so that they have somewhere to practice their spellings and maths challenges - we do not expect these books to be handed in, rather they are so that children have one place to practice their basic skills at home.
- Homework will be primarily basic skills practice - there will be weekly spellings and these will be tested on a Monday (there are no spelling tests in reception). Spellings will be appropriate for the ability of your child - if you have any concerns that spellings are too easy or too hard, please discuss this with your child's class teacher.
- Maths homework will be based around practising for the maths challenges, maths challenges will be on a Monday. If the maths challenges are causing concern for you or your child, please speak to their teacher.
- There will also be an optional piece of *Discovery* homework each half term. The *Discovery* homework will be based on a topic that is being covered that half term. There will be a set date to hand this in at the end of the half term. This date will be posted on the Google classroom and on the paper version that will be sent home at the start of the half term. The date will be the same across the whole school and certificates will be handed out to those children who have made a special effort. There will be some suggestions about how this homework may be approached but it will also allow for some creativity. Please note that the children will have less time this half term as we decided not to start homework immediately - normally they will have a whole half term.
- The Reading Cafe will continue - the more reading that a child does, the more points they will earn. Depending on the amount of points that are earned by the whole class - there will be a Reading Cafe reward at the end of the term. Children should either



read to an adult or be read to by an adult every day - reading records should be completed and children should have this with them every day. Additional Reading Cafe Passport activities will earn bonus points for the class but these are entirely optional.

This is a summary of homework across the whole school. Please note that homework for this half term will be set on Friday (17.9.21)

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.	We will be introducing the ESC (Education for Sustainable Citizenship) passport to children later on in the term.
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.	Reading Cafe - child reads to parents/carers every day. Recorded in reading record. Reading Passport activity.	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.		Reading Cafe - Child reads to parents/carers or independently every day. Recorded in reading record. Reading Passport Activity.	
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.		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.	

If you have any questions about your child's homework, please speak to their teacher.

Yours sincerely,



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