Information about homework for the coming school year for the parents of children in Year One to Year Six

Dear Parents,

At the beginning of each school year we always send parents information about the homework their children will receive each week. First and foremost, we are very grateful for the support parents give us and know that you will agree with us that homework is a vital part of your child’s education, encourages a positive work ethic and builds on the work which they do in school, every day.

All children from Y1 to Y6 are provided with a homework diary/book. In this book will be details of your child’s weekly homework and in the front of this book will also be brief guidelines from your child’s class teacher, relating to the specific class your child is in.

All children will receive homework every week and will usually have a week to complete this.

Homework will include–

- Spellings [every week] these will be written in a spelling log book from the spelling scheme [Y2-Y6]. These spellings will consist of five spellings linked to the spelling rule being taught in class during the week along with five words from the list specific to each year group. The children will be tested on the spelling rule and not the specific words sent; we want the children to learn to apply the spelling pattern. Spellings are sent home on Wednesdays and tested each Monday.

- Maths – this may be on a separate sheet or in the homework book. The children may also have activities on the Abacus website. Reminders about the Abacus Scheme passwords will be sent home early in the autumn term. Children will also be able to access the times tables Rock Stars program at home. This will help the children to learn their tables in a fun and interactive
Caring, sharing, Laughing, learning,
way! Teachers in KS2 will provide children with the details to access this program at home.

- Literacy – this may include writing, specific areas of grammar or reading comprehension
- Literacy and numeracy homework will be sent home alternate weeks ie one week there will be maths and the next literacy
- Reading – we expect children to read their reading book at home every day regardless of which class they are in. There will be reading incentives in all classes to encourage the children to read at home eg the children may collect a raffle ticket when they read at home a certain number of times and the raffle ticket will then go into a prize draw. Dojo points will also be awarded for reading at home.
- Research towards a project being undertaken in class

Guidance for parents –

- Please encourage your child to take responsibility for their homework, complete it and return it to school on time
- The “right time” to do homework will be different for all children, but please help them by creating a quiet space [without television, tablets etc!] when your child can concentrate and settle to their work
- When times tables have been set as homework, parents can help children learn these by playing games or “testing” that they have learned them
- Reading out loud is vital for all children, right to the very end of Y6 as it helps children really understand what they are reading. Sharing a book with your child should be rewarding and enjoyable and parents play a very important role – please read with your child every day – it is probably the most important homework of all!!
- If your child is really struggling with a particular piece of homework or is taking a long time to complete homework, please either – write a note in the homework diary for the class teacher or call in to school to talk to your child’s class teacher. Similarly, if children do not bring their homework back to school on a regular basis than class teachers will get in touch with parents to discuss this.

Homework is a vitally important part of your child’s learning and we thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely

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