



Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Homework

At Meadowside we have an effective and innovative approach to teaching and learning: Keep up not catch up. This means that we implement a range of strategies to ensure almost all children meet or exceed age related expectations and all children make excellent progress in their learning, regardless of their starting point. Our homework policy is that homework should support this 'keep up' philosophy. We firmly believe that homework should have a clear purpose and it should impact on pupil outcomes. Communication between home and school is key in the success of homework, which is to support children's learning in school. Sometimes a personal approach is needed and parent and teacher conversations are vital in getting it right for each child. There may be a particular objective or concept a child is finding difficult and further practise at home could help to consolidate this. Teachers will always communicate this with you.

Our homework expectations for every child (Y1-Y6) at Meadowside are:

### Reading

All children to **read** at home at least 4 times a week. Sharing books with an adult is hugely beneficial. Class teachers will communicate expectations for each year group further and offer support in the texts pupils should be reading. There will also be a KS1 Phonics and Reading session on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September and a further session for KS2 later in the year.

### Maths Skills

Maths skills to be practised at home, including times tables and number bonds. We use TT Rockstars for times table practise so please ensure you have your child's unique log-in for this. Your class teacher will let you know which times table or number bond that the children are working on so that you can encourage this practise.

### Spellings

Pupils will be sent home a weekly spelling sheet which they must learn. They must complete the sheet and hand this back in with good presentation as this also supports handwriting skills. Please test your child before their test in school and communicate this in the homework diary. We can support them in school with words they continue to find difficult and we expect you to practise these at home too.



This year, all teachers will be checking the Homework Diary weekly and the Reading Record. Rewards will be offered for completing the reading and any homework not completed in the diary will be discussed individually. It is important this book is signed weekly by parents or carers, to ensure homework expectations are being met. Class teachers will send home a newsletter on a half termly basis to share what the children have learned in the previous half term and what you could help them to practise at home for the half term ahead.

In the meantime, communication will be in the Homework Diary so that you can help support your child at home with the basic skills needed for school. We would encourage you to discuss this further with your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Maiden  
Headteacher