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Dear Parents,

As you will know from the term so far, we have recently been experimenting with a range of online software and accounts to help us set homework across the year groups, and to help us prepare for the possibility of further bubble or whole-school lockdowns.

Over the last few weeks, Years 4, 5 and 6 have been setting homework using maths.co.uk and spag.com. Alongside this, we have been using Doodle Maths and Doodle English within school, and encouraging children to explore these sites further at home. Having tested both these systems, we have decided that after half term we will be setting our homework through Doodle.

Using this system, we will be able to tailor homework (called 'Extras') to particular classes, groups and children, but children will also be able to complete additional daily or weekly questions to earn stars and improve their skills – (aiming to remain in the **green zone**)

Children will also still be expected to practise their times tables each week in Times Table Rockstars.

Homework expectations after half term.

	Times Table Rockstars	Doodle English / Doodle Spell	Doodle Maths	Independent Reading
Year Three	10 games	1 task every other week	1 task every other week	Daily
Year Four	10 games	1 task per week	1 task per week	Daily
Year Five	10 games	1 task per week	1 task per week	Daily
Year Six	10 games	1 task per week	1 task per week	Daily

In school, we have also been investigating Google Classroom; this is the platform we will use to set home learning in the event of a lockdown (or child/class isolating). To help children to become familiar with this, we will be setting all children a short homework task within Google Classroom to complete over half term.

There will be no other homework set over half term apart from individual reading.

Your children should have already brought home a login card to access all these services – if you are unable to log on to Doodle, Google Classroom (in bwjsapps) or Times Table Rockstars, please get in touch with your child's teacher or e-mail mr.senior@bwjsapps.co.uk for assistance.

Attached to this letter is a document with further guidance about using Google Classroom and the Doodle platforms.

Many thanks for your continued support as we try to find the best ways to deliver homework and remote learning in these uncertain times.

Yours sincerely,

Jon Senior
Computing Manager & Upper School Leader

PS: Please do get in touch with headteacher@bwjunior.hants.sch.uk if your child does not have access to a PC/laptop/tablet etc.