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Dear Parent/Carer,

Now that the children have settled into their new school year, we'd like to share with you some important information detailing some of the procedures and developments for the forthcoming school year.

Homework

Please find below information on homework expectations for the coming year. Although this is very similar to last year, we have tweaked the timings to take on board feedback from parents and children. There is an expectation that all children complete their homework. You will need to inform your class teacher if your child is unable to do so for any reason.

Reading Eggs

Reading Eggs has proved to be extremely popular with the children and is hence something we will be continuing with this year. The expectation remains the same as last year: 30 minutes of Reading Eggs needs to be completed, at home, each week. The tasks are individualized and the children can work through the scheme at their own pace.

Spelling Shed

New for this year is Spelling Shed: an exciting new online spelling programme. Many of our children have already been using this in class and it is proving to be very popular. Your child's class teacher will be in contact with you regarding information on log-ins and usage very soon.

Mathletics

Mathletics continues to be a very successful and popular learning activity. Specific tasks will be set by class teachers and the aim is to achieve a minimum of 500 points per week. This should take no more than a total of 30 minutes per week. If your child is struggling to achieve the 500 points in half an hour a week, please let their class teacher know.

Times Tables

The way in which times tables homework is administered is specific to year groups. Class teachers will in contact with you regarding this shortly.

Reading Records:

Reading at home is one of the best possible ways for your child to develop this incredibly important life skill. Therefore, talking about and celebrating what children have read outside school is a great way to encourage them to do so. Reading records are a great way to do this and they will be coming home with your children very soon if they haven't arrived already. Talk to your class teacher if you have any questions as to how they need to be completed.

Other homework:

Class teachers may set additional homework on an ad-hoc basis to support children's learning. This will be especially true of Year 6.

PE Kits:

Children should have their PE kits in school at all times. This must consist of a white t-shirt/polo shirt, black/navy blue shorts and daps. Children will also need trainers, track-suit bottoms and a long sleeved sweat-shirt for PE outside in the winter months. There is no specific colour requirement for winter kit but we would prefer them to be plain. Ideally, no hoodies for health and safety reasons although they can tuck the hoods in if that's all you have. Long hair needs to be tied back and earrings either removed or covered with surgical tape (we will supply this).

Water Bottles:

We would encourage children to bring water bottles into class: keeping hydrated is a vital part of keeping healthy. However, water bottles are for water only, not any kind of juice. Children can bring in juice to have with their lunch but this cannot be brought into the classroom during lessons.

Kind regards,

Thank you once more for your ongoing support

Mr Beadnell