



# STANTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

## Revised Homework Structure

After recent training and research, we have decided to review our homework structure to allow parents and children more time and opportunity to learn and practise key skills.

During this trial there will be a primary focus on the essential areas of reading, learning spellings and times tables with the opportunity of voluntary homework tasks if children and parents desire.

### The required Key Skills homework each week will be:

- Reading/sharing books with an adult at home at least 5 times a week.
- Learning spellings in preparation for weekly tests
- Learning times tables for Key Stage 2 (and Year 1 later in the year) in preparation for ongoing assessments.

The above Key Skills homework is **compulsory** and will be monitored on a weekly basis through the Read 5 High 5 reading charts and ongoing tests and assessments.

Parents will be informed if children are consistently failing to undertake the tasks and invited into school to discuss how we can help to support the home/school communication process. I hope you will support school with this, as I am sure you will agree that the amount of homework required has been significantly reduced allowing children to have more time and emphasis on vital key skills.

As part of the reading homework, parents are reminded that it is vital to ask their child questions about what they have read and encourage them to discuss the content of the text to develop comprehension skills. We will be holding a Parent Workshop in January to support you with additional reading tasks that we will be introducing in due course when reading at home. These tasks are intended to develop vital comprehension skills and subsequently develop children's reading ability.

### Voluntary homework:

We do understand that some children enjoy tasks that are more creative and learn through these types of activities more effectively. With this in mind, we have added the chance for children to



complete additional homework each half term. **This does not take the place of the Key Skills homework, which should still be completed weekly.**

Each child has the opportunity to produce a 'mini-project' at home based on their class topic for the half term. This can be presented in any way the child chooses, i.e. through a model, artwork, a PowerPoint, written work, quiz etc. Children can work on this project at home and can bring into school during the last week of each half term.

Additional homework as required:

There will be times during the year where children will be required to complete additional homework in preparation for statutory assessments, for example before the Year 1 phonics screening assessments and Year 2 and Year 6 SATS.

Please do not hesitate to come in and speak to us with any concerns. We will be reviewing the revised structure on an on-going basis and will keep parents informed accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs C Norris and the Stanton Team