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Homework from Spring 2 half-term onwards

Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

The setting and completion of homework is a supportive tool that we use to consolidate and practice the teaching and learning that happens in school as well as enables adults at home to engage and support with their child(ren) too. We have been mindful of what work and the quantity that we have set (particularly during times of lockdown and self-isolation, etc) and have monitored this as we progress through the academic year. With that, some alterations have occurred for certain year groups and, so that everyone is clear and understands what will be set for each year group, we have created this letter for your reference. The weekly homework for each class **from Monday 28th February** onwards will be as follows:

Nursery & Reception:

Mrs Marsden & Mrs Dick will inform parents/ carers of any tasks that they would like you to do at home by contacting you through Tapestry.

Class 1, Class 2 & Class 3:

- **Times-tables** - you will be informed of the specific times-tables for each week via Class Dojo.
- **Spellings** –
 - **Year 1:** children in Year 1 will have specific phonics sounds to practice and these will be specified by the Class Teacher for each child.
 - **Year 2-6:** a spelling pattern will be shown and explained at the beginning of the week and children will be asked to create a list of all of the words that they know or can find out that have the same spelling pattern within them.
- **Reading** – we ask that children read for 15mins at least each night (if they are unable to do so on one night due to other commitments, that's fine but we would ask for you to try to perhaps extend the amount of time reading on another night instead). Children reading longer chapter books must try and move through the text at a steady pace so that remains interesting and engaging enabling them to change their books relatively frequently.
- **Maths** – from analysis by Mr Charlton as well as both parent and pupil views, we have not renewed our subscription with Maths Flex and will instead use CGP maths workbooks that school has bought for every child. Specific pages will be set by your Class Teacher and will link to the maths lessons that have been recently covered in their class. Children will always be given adequate time to complete the work with time in between the day of it being set to the day of it being handed in so that any misconceptions or clarification can be done if required.
- **Further support:** our school has maintained our subscription to Sumdog from which further work is available should staff allocate it or you and your child(ren) are looking for anything additional.

We hope you find this letter useful to clarify homework but, as ever, if there are any queries then please feel free to contact your child's class teacher and we will be more than willing to explain anything further.

All the very best,

Mrs Athey – Headteacher & Mr Charlton – Deputy Headteacher

Headteacher: Mrs Belinda Athey

