



Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

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Dear parents,

Following on from feedback which we received in the Parent Questionnaire, we are currently reviewing the way that homework is set across the school. For the present time, we would ask you to focus on the following three areas to support your child's learning:

Reading

Next week, your child will bring home their reading book and new reading record. Please hear your child read on a daily basis and make a dated record of what has been read. As children move into KS2, we encourage more independence with the recording of what has been read, but we would still like parental signatures to show that they have read to an adult and discussed what they have been reading. The new reading records which your child will be bringing home give useful tips for readers and information on phonics, punctuation, questioning, sentence structure and word lists. This can be found in the centre of the new reading records.

Spelling

The children will also be bringing home their end of year spelling lists for their particular age group which will provide you with the expectations of the words your child needs to be able to spell. Please aim to work on them throughout the year. We will be sending out further information regarding spelling in the near future. The children do need a mixed approach when learning spellings and should use different strategies, such as using magnetic letters to spell words, breaking the words into 'chunks' and writing the spellings down to reinforce learning. It is also important that they understand the meanings of these words and the context they are used in.

Maths

The children will be focussing on learning their times tables over the year. Please concentrate on learning the following:

- Years 1/2 – to learn 2, 3, 5 and 10x tables by the end of Year 2. This is the national expectation.
- Years 3/4 – to learn all times tables up to 12x by the end of Year 4. This is the national expectation.
- Years 5/6 – to consolidate all times tables, with confidence.

Thank you for your support in your child's learning. We will keep you updated with any further developments.

Kind regards

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