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HOME LEARNING APPROACH

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We know that parents are often very keen to support their children at home and we hope that the following letter clarifies our approach to home learning for this academic year. We believe that home learning is most effective when it supports children to achieve well in school, is manageable and happens routinely.

In all year groups, we believe one of the best ways that you can support your child is by talking to them about their day; the use of high-quality talk and speaking in full sentences can really support the children to communicate effectively, help with their development in writing and also build their self-confidence.

We will be continuing to share updates via Seesaw (our online learning platform) each week about what we have learnt at school. This should hopefully inspire conversation about school life and provide opportunities for further learning and development at home. This will include regular updates about phonics/spelling rules which are being taught at school so that you can practise with your child at home if you would like to. We do not have regular spelling tests at school and focus on teaching spelling rather than testing it.

It is also our belief that reading is one of the most important things that can be practised at home. We would like every child in our school to **read at home at least four times a week** and have their reading record signed by an adult for each time that they read. Children will then be rewarded with house points in school.

Similarly, it can be very beneficial for pupils to **practise Maths skills at home four times a week**. This can include number patterns and number bonds in KS1 and times tables and wider arithmetic skills in KS2. Please make a note in your child's reading record when you practise Maths together at home. Children will then be rewarded with house points in school.

Each half term, pupils from Years 2-6 are asked to engage in a themed home learning project. Each child has a home learning book and will be given a themed learning menu for the half term. Children are asked to complete at least one activity or piece of work from the learning menu but are welcome to do more if they would like to. This home learning will be celebrated in school.

Finally, pupils in Year 5 will be given one piece of additional weekly homework tied to what they have learnt in class that week. In Year 6, pupils will be given one piece of Maths homework and one piece of English homework each week. This is to prepare them and help them to develop independence as they approach secondary school. This will be set on a Thursday and due in by the following Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do speak to your child's class teacher if you have questions about homework and they will be happy to help.

Kind regards.

Mrs Heather Luft

Head Teacher



