



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

## Homework

This year we have made some changes to the homework we are sending home in response to children and parents comments we received from talking to the children, parent questionnaires and report comments. Homework supports the work we do in school and we hope you will encourage your children in all aspects of work sent home whether it is reading, learning spellings or choosing activities from the wider curriculum and enrichment activities. Your child's teacher will comment on all aspects of homework (described below) through the 'My Year of Learning' report at regular intervals during the coming year.

### Reading

It is important that your child reads as often as possible at home to develop fluency, confidence and enjoyment of books – little and often is better than 15 minutes at the weekend. We hope you will read with your child and record in their reading diary **at least twice a week**. As part of teaching increasing independence and responsibility, children from Year 1 upwards are encouraged to change their books. We will, of course, remind them but if you notice this isn't happening please write a note in your child's reading diary and we will address this.

### Spellings

Children from Year 1 to Year 4 will have weekly spellings to learn starting from **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. Children in Reception will have weekly formation homework, moving to spellings as appropriate. Spellings will be stuck in their homework books. Children should use the spelling sheet to help practise and learn their words. They can write sentences using these words too. Nursery children will have homework related to their phonics activities phased in at an appropriate time.

	<b>Look, cover, write &amp; check</b>				

After the test, your child's score and any words that weren't spelt correctly will be recorded on this sheet that will be stuck in the homework book. Please help your child to continue to practise these words as well as any new words they receive.

<u>Spelling Test Record</u>		
Date	Score	Words for fix it

## Mental Maths

Children from Year 1 to Year 4 will have a weekly mental maths test based on the work they are doing in daily mental maths lessons starting from **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. There will be a record sheet to tell you their target and score each week. More information can be found on the school website on the Parents Key Stage One or Two page in the Maths section.

<u>Mental Maths Test Record</u>			
Date	Mental Maths Target	Score	Next week's Mental Maths target

Several parents asked for more maths homework worksheets in the parent's questionnaires so in addition to mental maths we will be sending home weekly maths homework related to the learning we are doing in the classroom. Your child may need you to support them with this or they may be able to do this independently. If you wish you can mark the work with an 'S' to show support or an 'I', for independent work they have done on their own.

## Wider curriculum/enrichment homework

Last year we introduced half termly homework related to curriculum teaching and learning in school for Key Stage One and Two. This year Early Years will also receive wider curriculum/enrichment homework linked to their Foundation Stage teaching and learning. This homework will be sent home on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**. There will be activities related to a range of subjects within our curriculums as well as some fun activities from a Government publication to encourage all children to be more active. To fit in with busy family lives, the activities can be done on a weekly basis or as time permits during the half term. We look forward to seeing the children's creativity and enthusiasm for this work as much as the children enjoy sharing with their classmates. Your child's class teacher will appreciate and celebrate this homework with a stamp and a 'move up' in class.

**Please ensure your child's homework book is kept in their reading folder as they will be using it regularly.**

As always, if you have any queries please speak to your child's teacher.

Anne Hordern  
**Vice Principal**