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Dear Families,

Homework Expectations

Thank you for all the support you give the school. We are so grateful to have such a kind and welcoming parent and carer Community. It makes such a difference!

However, we would like to ask that you support us with homework. Across the school, we have an unusually large proportion of children neither reading at home nor doing homework.

We understand the boundaries that exist in many families which help you to manage the difference between home and school. We all have children too. So, encounter similar situations within our own families.

Homework however, is a vital part of school life. Not only does it prepare Year 4/5 and 6 children for secondary school (where they will be much less forgiving than us if homework is not done) but it also helps to draw together all the learning we do. There is a wealth of research that shows the value to a pupil's academic performance of doing homework. For example, the renowned Education Endowment Fund (EEF) conducted a full year-long research study into whether homework was effective or not. It concluded that the average impact of consistently doing homework was an additional five months academic progress. That five months could be all it takes to make a difference! And, later down the line, that small edge could be all it takes to gift a child the chance to own their own future.

In terms of mental health and wellbeing, we have worked hard to make sure that we only ask for what we feel is absolutely necessary because we know home is a safe place. Research from the Education Research Institute shows that projects and huge, unwieldy tasks have little impact. But, small 10/20 minute tasks designed to reinforce the learning have high impact. This is why we suggest reading at home, timetables rockstars etc.

Therefore, we know our homework approach fits within current evidenced best practice.

So, we would be grateful if you could spare 10 minutes to ensure your children do the homework set. It really does make such a difference. Your child's education continues at home with you – it is a





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Our expectations are as follows (and this was explained at the Meet the Teacher events):

Beatles:

- Read at home
- Practise phonics sounds as required (see messages from Mrs Stender and Mrs Usherwood about this and feel free to talk to them via Tapestry)
- Reading books are changed every Monday and Friday.

Wonder:

- Read at least 3x weekly
- Complete the quick practise sheets sent home
- Additional tasks if you want to do them can be found on the links shared by Miss West. Please feel free to talk to her about these at pick-up.
- Reading books are changed on a Friday.

Marley:

- Read at least 3x weekly
- Tasks set via Google Classroom. Logins have already been given out and Miss Kosla is more than happy to support parents with this.
- Simple maths and spellings tasks are set via Google.
- Reading books are changed on a Friday.

Franklin:

- Read at least 3x weekly
- Tasks set via Google Classroom. Logins have already been given out and Mrs Hopkins is more than happy to support parents with this.
- Simple maths and spellings tasks are set via Google.
- Reading books are changed as a child finishes them.
- Extra tasks will be sent home to support children, particularly in the run up to SATS. Year 6 pupils will receive extra English tasks.





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We understand that sometimes, some pupils require adaptations to enable them to access the home learning. This is more than okay. So, please just approach us if you think your child needs support. We can do all manner of things to help them.

We run a homework club on a Monday afternoon for identified children to enable them to access extra adult support. This is by invitation only but sometimes a Class Teacher will ask additional pupils to attend if they think it will help them. We will expect children to go to this when asked because we care and want them to succeed. It may also be that a teacher sits with a child for no more than 5 minutes at the start of lunch or break to talk through the homework. Often, this is the best time because the class is quiet and their peers are not there. So, we do not risk embarrassing your child. It is not our policy to keep children in for entire breaks or lunchtimes.

If you would like help with homework or have any helpful suggestions, then please do get in touch. We genuinely love hearing from you. We want to help and support because we really do care.

Wish very best wishes,

The Thakeham Teaching Team

