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### Wonder Class Home Learning Tasks

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we explained at the start of the academic year, due to Wonder Class needing to settle after the Summer holiday, we planned to introduce homework from this half term. We are calling it, 'Home Learning Tasks'. This letter details the approach.

From this Friday, children will be sent home with a slip that looks similar to the below (this is a master version. The one you will receive will be different):

Front Side:

<p>Our learning themes for next week will be:</p> <p><b>English:</b> we will be...</p> <p><b>Maths:</b> we will be...</p> <p><b>PE:</b> we will be...</p> <p><b>???:</b> we will be...</p> <p><b>PSHE:</b> we will be...</p> <p><b>Computing:</b> we will be...</p> <p><b>Music:</b> we will be...</p>	<p>Adults across the week are:</p> <p><b>Miss West</b> is the Class Teacher every day.</p> <p><b>Mrs Younger</b> is the TA every day.</p> <p><b>Mrs Stickings</b> is the SEND TA every day.</p> <p><b>Mrs Morrow</b> teaches on a Tuesday afternoon so that Miss West can have planning time.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald</b> teaches on a Friday morning so that Miss West can have planning time.</p>				
<p><b>Don't forget:</b> PE is every Tuesday and every Friday. Children should be wearing their school PE kits.</p>					
<p><b>Next Week's Timetable:</b> below is the plan! Please remember, it could change as we adapt the learning.</p>					
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
08:45	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting	Handwriting
09:00	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Celebration Assembly
09:30-10:45	English & Assembly	English & Assembly	English	English	Reading
10:45-11:00	Morning break	Morning break	Morning break	Morning break	Morning break
11:00-12:00	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
12:00-13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:00-14:00		PE			PE
14:00-15:00	Explore Time	PSHE			Explore Time





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Rear Side:

<p><b>Home Learning Tasks:</b></p> <p>Home Learning Tasks will be sent home on a <b>Friday</b>. Please send the slip back by the following <b>Friday</b>. We have included some quick tasks, focused around key core skills we are learning. Each section should not take longer than 5 minutes. You can do it all in one go or split it up across the week. <b>If you need help, please visit our website and look at the 'Curriculum' tab and 'Virtual Workshops'.</b> We have placed some videos there that may help with things like phonics.</p> <p><b>Reading:</b> please spend 5/10 minutes at least three times a week reading. Please add an update in the reading record book. <b>Books are changed every Friday.</b> So, please ensure books are brought in <b>by Friday</b>. If you have any questions, please do ask Miss West after school or Mr McDonald on the gate in the morning.</p>																											
<p><b>Maths Fluency:</b></p> <p>Finish the sequences below...</p> <p>0, 2, 4, __, __, __, __, __, __, __, __, __</p> <p>10, 20, 30, __, __, __, __, __, __, __, __</p> <p>22, 20, 18, __, __, __, __, __, __, __, __</p> <p>Which is bigger? How do you know? <b>10 or 8</b></p>	<p><b>Spellings:</b></p> <p>Practise below. Remember to join up your letters.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Practise 1</th> <th>Practise 2</th> <th>Practise 2</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>and</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>but</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>because</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>herbivore</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>camivore</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Practise 1	Practise 2	Practise 2	and				but				because				herbivore				camivore			
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<p>Phonics sounds we will be looking at next week:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ee igh oo</b></p>																											

The front side details: our main themes for the coming week; the timetable (so you can prepare your child); a reminder of the adults they will have; and any general reminders.

The rear side is the homework (Home Learning Tasks). It will always have a maths, spelling, handwriting and phonics focus. These are the key, core areas of Key Stage 1 that we need to reinforce. Please also note the reminder about needing to read with your child. One should never underestimate the value of reading at home.

The Home Learning Task slip will be sent home on a Friday. Please complete it with your child and return it to Miss West by the following Friday.





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At this stage, we have opted to send homework home via a paper format. This is because pupils in Years 1 and 2 need to focus carefully on their handwriting. Doing homework on Google Classroom does not support this.

At Parent Consultations this week and next, Miss West will be sharing our handwriting guide with you. You can use this to ensure the children complete the spellings using the correct letter formations.

Before the half term, we emailed you detailing how our approach to homework is evidence based. The latest research from the Education Endowment Fund found that short, 5-10min tasks had more impact. So, this is how we have designed the Home Learning Tasks. The EEF found that those children who consistently completed homework often progressed academically at a rate that had them 5 months ahead of their peers. Homework is really important!

We hope that this Home Learning Task slip will do the following:

- Help to reinforce the key, core skills
- Give you an insight into the learning for the coming week so you feel informed
- Help you prepare your child for the coming week
- Provide for an easy, uncomplicated way of reinforcing what is happening in lessons

As a side note, we are still using Tapestry in Year 1. But, due to the nature of Key Stage 1, you will not receive the same number of updates as in Reception. This is because of the different curriculum.

If you have any questions, please speak with Miss West at the end of the day. Alternatively, you can speak with me on the gate in the morning.

Best wishes,

Will McDonald  
Headteacher

