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Dear Parent/ Carer,

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Re: HOMEWORK

As a result of some questions raised at the recent parent teacher meetings, I would like to clarify the school's approach to homework.

We focus on the key skills of spelling, reading and multiplication tables. These elements are a foundation of their learning, which is why we are now focussing on them for homework activities.

SPELLING – your child has a spelling contract which is given out and tested weekly with various methods and strategies to help them learn.

MULTIPLICATION TABLES – your child should know which multiplication table they need to practice. If they don't, try testing them on all of them. If they know them all, practice testing them faster, out of sequence and out of context. If you feel that they are confident on all their multiplication tables, then encourage them to use Mathletics. The teacher will have set them a suitable level for them and tasks will be from their most recent unit/ focus from school.

READING – ten minutes reading every day has huge benefits to their English, spelling and language. Try and listen to them read and read with them. Try checking their understanding by asking them:

- what is happening?
- why is it happening?
- what do you think will happen next?

You could also help them with their intonation (the rise and fall of the voice in speaking). You could also encourage them to read the classics in preparation for secondary school and as part of our Reading Challenge.

Extension- if they are engaged with something then you could encourage them to take up a project (a 3D project, a powerpoint or a presentation even). We always support a 'show and tell'!

If your child shows an eagerness for more, then we recommend the following websites:

BBC education Bitesize KS2 : <https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zbr9wmn>

TES resources Primary: <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources/hub/primary>

Please remember that the home school diary must be in school every day and will be checked once a week by the class teacher.

We hope that you and your child find this beneficial.

Yours faithfully,

Headteacher

