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Updated Homework Policy

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school, we have been reviewing our Homework Policy and in the summer term we asked for your views on the current homework arrangements. Thank you to all those that took the time to complete and return the survey; we had over 100 responses! The full breakdown of the results can be viewed on our website under 'Parents and Carers' and 'Homework'.

In addition to your views, we have also listened to the views of the children, who completed a survey in school, and the teachers. Homework is an aspect of school life that has many differing views on both what should be given and how much is appropriate. As a school, we have decided to make some changes to our homework policy, outlined below, which we hope take account of the range of views of pupils, parents and carers and teachers.

Changes to homework:

-Following feedback from parents and carers, there will be no more topic homework as many said they felt this was homework for the parents.

-Homework will now be due in on a Tuesday rather than a Wednesday. 'Early birds', who hand their homework in on a Monday will be given 5 house points. This will give teachers more time to mark homework each week.

-There will no longer be a weekly homework sheet given but instead there will be a half-termly sheet that will be stuck on the inside front cover of your child's homework book.

-Arrangements for particular key stages are outlined below.

EYFS

Nursery children will be given two activities each week, which may be reading for pleasure, an outdoors activity or singing a song.

Reception children in autumn term will be expected to read for pleasure and they will be also given a phonics activity and an outdoors activity. In spring and summer terms, they will read for pleasure, complete a phonics activity and a hands-on-maths activity.

Weekly homework in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

- Reading for pleasure (Reading Records will be collected by the class teacher once a week.)
- Weekly spellings
- Number facts practise (and times tables from spring term in Year 2)
- A maths activity or a literacy activity will be sent home in alternate weeks.

Weekly homework in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)

- Reading for pleasure (bookmarks)
- Weekly spellings
- Times Tables practise
- There will be a rota of maths and literacy activities: one maths task and one literacy task will be given each week.

In Key Stages 1 and 2, maths activities will either be a maths task on www.mymaths.co.uk (please see separate letter that has gone home today with more details) or a problem solving activity.

In Key stages 1 and 2, literacy activities will either be a creative writing task or a grammar, punctuation and spelling task.

If homework is not handed in or incomplete in Key Stage 2, children will be expected to stay in at lunchtime for 20 minutes for 'Homework Club', unless there has been communication from a parent. At 'Homework Club', children will complete one piece of homework from that week. If homework has not been completed or handed in 3 times in one half term, parents will be contacted by the class teacher.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

With thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Burns
Assistant Head teacher