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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share our updated homework policy, which has been developed following a review of our current practice and consideration of research into effective homework.

Our aim is to ensure that homework is purposeful, manageable and supports the learning taking place in school. We also want to reduce barriers that can sometimes make homework feel difficult or overwhelming for children and families. Each piece of homework will therefore be carefully designed so that children can access it independently, build on what they have already learned and experience success.

How will homework work?

From now on, children will receive **one piece of English or Maths (alternate) homework each Friday** which will consist of three questions or mini tasks. This will be directly linked to work that children have completed during the week, allowing them to revisit, practise and apply their learning at home.

Homework will be handed in on the **following Wednesday**. This gives children several days to complete their work and provides families with flexibility around when homework is done. If children do not complete their homework by Wednesday, they will be given a verbal reminder and asked to complete their homework for the next day. If it is still not completed, children will be asked to stay in at break time on Thursday to complete the work.

Children will continue to receive one phonic book or reading book appropriate for their reading level alongside a reading for pleasure book. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home at least three times per week and record any reading in their reading diary, and to bring them to school in their reading bag.

In Nursery and Reception, play based activities will be set throughout the year encouraging play and exploration. Alongside reading, children may also be given 'incidental' homework which supports learning in class and any particular skills that your child needs to practise.

In addition, teachers may ask children incidental questions to research at home generated through discussions and queries which aim to develop a child's love of learning and inquisitiveness about the world around them.

We believe that this approach will help children to:

- Consolidate and practise learning from the week
- Make meaningful connections between learning at home and at school – parents will have a better understanding of what their child is learning at school
- Develop independence alongside positive and manageable homework routines

We recognise that children and families have busy lives, and we want homework to complement family time rather than place unnecessary pressure on it. Our intention is that each task is achievable, purposeful and clearly connected to the learning taking place in school.

We greatly value your support in helping your child develop positive learning habits. Please encourage your child to complete their homework independently where possible, while offering support and encouragement when needed.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to seeing how this new approach helps our children to become confident, independent learners.

Kind regards,

Mrs N Griffiths

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Creativity

Determination

Enthusiasm

