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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of your child's homework routine for the coming term. Homework plays an important role in consolidating key knowledge and skills that your child has learned in class and in developing your child's independence. In order for homework to have the maximum impact upon your child's attainment and progress we recommend implementing a routine at home for when homework is completed and supporting your child with implementing this routine consistently. In order to support you with this, please see the weekly timetable for your child's homework included below:

Day	Homework
Monday	Spelling sheets, timetables work and other homework should be returned to school on Mondays.
Tuesday	<p>Spellings: Your child will receive a list of spellings which they should practise to write each night of the week. To accompany this list, there will be a spelling activity that the children can do alongside learning their spellings. Your child will be tested on a Monday and you will receive their score and incorrect spellings in their reading journal each week – please look out for this.</p> <p>Times Tables: Your child will receive a Target Times Table, e.g. 5 x table, 10 x table etc, and an accompanying times table activity that your child can do to help them learn these.</p> <p>Your child will be tested on a Monday and you will receive their score in their reading journal each week – please look out for this.</p>
Thursday	<p>Other Homework: Every Thursday your child will receive a piece of homework that consolidates their learning across the curriculum e.g. Maths, English, History etc.</p> <p>A clear explanation will accompany this homework sheet when it is set.</p>
Friday	Every Friday your child has the opportunity to ask their teacher any questions about any aspects of their homework that they are unsure of.

Reading

In addition to the homework listed above it is essential that your child reads for a minimum of 20 minutes each day in order to support the development of their key reading skills. We recommend that you listen to your child read aloud, ask them questions to check their understanding and encourage them to discuss their opinions upon the texts that they are reading.

Reading Journal

During our guided reading sessions in class, your child will be informed of what their reading journal activity is for that week, this will be indicated by a post-it-note in your child's journal. Your child will also be informed upon which day their reading journal is due to be returned.

Thank you for your continued support.