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Dear Parents

Home Learning

I would like to clarify the school's expectations for children's home learning.

Reading

Children are expected to read to an adult at least 3 times a week and this reading needs to be recorded in the home school book. This book is organised into weeks to help you clearly and easily record the three occasions you have read together. There are also prompts and questions in the home school book for you ensure comprehension and challenge your children's understanding.

Spellings

Each week, children have a set of spellings to learn and they will be tested on them in school. The teacher will tell children which list from the home school book they are learning this week. Please support your child with learning these in a way that suits them. You can find ideas in the home school book.

Methods include:

- Look, say, cover, write, check
- writing the words out
- saying the words letter by letter
- playing hangman or making anagrams to unscramble with the words
- writing the words in sand or mud
- forming the words out of playdough

Maths

All children have a Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) username and password and are expected to access this program three times a week. This will help to develop fluency and rapid recall of times tables and division facts.

Children are also expected to log on to RM Easimaths each week and complete activities three times a week. These will be appropriate to their ability and set by the class teacher. Please note children in Y3/4 may focus on TTRS to prepare them for the new statutory multiplication test that is being introduced by the government next year.

Other learning

As children progress through the school other home learning activities may be set to support learning from the class. If children choose not to complete their school learning, this will also be sent home.

We really hope all parents will support us in the development and extension of these fundamental foundation skills in English and Maths. A fluent reader who can spell the key words with a rapid recall of times tables facts and a solid grasp of number skills will achieve so much better in their school learning. This is what we are aiming for for all children.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Helen Frampton
Headteacher

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