



Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear parents/carers

## Homework Provision for this year

Thank you to all those parents that took the time to respond to our homework survey - we had 132 responses when the survey closed, which was fantastic. I have attached a summary of the results in the separate document so you can see the outcomes. Over the years, I have come to realise that homework is one of those subjects that is impossible to please everyone. The purpose of the survey therefore, was to establish the general consensus from our parents so we could ensure that we meet the wishes of the majority and continue to support our pupils the best we can.

As a result, we would like to change our homework provision for our children. We will continue to have expectations for daily reading as this is an essential part of every child's learning. The GoRead app (now called Boom Readers) will indicate to teachers which children are engaging with reading at home. If you have issues using the app, please be proactive and seek support from your child's class teacher. In addition, we will continue to encourage children to engage with Numbots (Years 1 & 2) or Times Table Rock Stars (Years 3 to 6) as this provides excellent fluency opportunities for Maths. Again, if you are not familiar with these apps, please see the class teacher for support. Children will receive rewards in school if they show four lots of engagement each week in these online Reading and Maths apps.

For other homework, we will introduce a homework book or folder for each individual child. Each week, one homework task will be set on a Friday that will be collected in the following Wednesday. This task will have a Maths or English focus and will be linked to your child's learning in class. Where appropriate, a worked example will be provided by the teacher so parents understand how to support their child. These tasks will be differentiated so that children are able to achieve them independently without the need for adult support. Senior leaders will run a homework lunchtime club Monday and Tuesday for children who would rather complete the task independently at school. This will be held in the Bluebell intervention area from 12.00-1.00pm. Again, children who hand in their homework on time will be rewarded in school.

For children who attend Dragon Club regularly, we will also endeavour to ensure that children are encouraged to read with an adult and have it recorded on the app. We will also provide opportunities for them to practise their Numbots (Years 1 & 2) or Times Table Rock Stars (Years 3 to 6) on school I-Pads or in the IT suite. Furthermore, we will ensure children have the opportunity to complete homework tasks while they are at Dragon Club.

Children will receive their first homework task on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**, which will come home in their new homework book or folder. The only exception to this will be Wisteria class, our youngest children, who will continue to focus on their daily reading and complete a short task linked to their reading book.

**To summarise:**

- Boom Readers/Numbots/Times Table Rock Stars practise four times a week.
- English or Maths weekly task (Reading task for Wisteria), handed out Friday, collected in Wednesday.
- Lunchtime homework club Monday and Tuesday for children to drop-in.
- Dragon Club provide more opportunities to support with homework tasks

Thank you for your feedback and continued support.

Kind regards



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