



September 2021

Dear Parents,

As you will know from our class newsletter, we have been in consultation regarding our homework expectations. We now have this clarified and can outline this for you in this letter.

As you are probably aware, homework is an important part of schoolwork and helps pupils to consolidate and reinforce the skills and understanding that they have learnt in school. It also develops self-discipline and independence. We are mindful that your children are nearing the end of primary school and so in preparation for secondary school expectations, as a staff team, we have agreed the following homework schedule:

Reading <i>20 minutes per day</i>	Minimum of five times a week – everyday if possible! A small comment should be added into their homework diaries every time they read to someone. <i>Please note: if your child has been unable to read at home, they will spend part of their breaktime the next day reading to an adult.</i>																					
Times tables <i>10-20 minutes per day</i>	Every week in class, we will focus on a times table - it would be very beneficial for your child to practise this times tables at home. This could be whilst they are having breakfast, walking up the stairs, driving in the car – anywhere and anytime! The ability to rehearse and recall multiplications up to and including 12 will enable your child to tackle more complex mathematical subjects confidently and skilfully as they progress in their education. Please see the dates below for the times tables focus until the October half term: <table><tr><th>Week commencing</th><th>Year 5</th><th>Year 6</th></tr><tr><td>13th September</td><td>7 times tables</td><td>8 times tables</td></tr><tr><td>20th September</td><td>7 times tables</td><td>9 times tables</td></tr><tr><td>27th September</td><td>8 times tables</td><td>10 times tables</td></tr><tr><td>4th October</td><td>8 times tables</td><td>11 times tables</td></tr><tr><td>11th October</td><td>12 times tables</td><td>12 times tables</td></tr><tr><td>18th October</td><td>12 times tables</td><td>12 times tables</td></tr></table>	Week commencing	Year 5	Year 6	13th September	7 times tables	8 times tables	20th September	7 times tables	9 times tables	27th September	8 times tables	10 times tables	4th October	8 times tables	11 times tables	11th October	12 times tables	12 times tables	18th October	12 times tables	12 times tables
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P4C	Twice a half term, a question will be uploaded to Dojo for you to discuss with your child. These questions are designed to facilitate thoughtful discussion and will not have a right nor wrong answer. You are welcome to comment on the story posted on Dojo with a summary of your discussion. Dates these will be uploaded on Dojo: 20th September & 11th October 2021																					
Maths <i>30 minutes per week</i>	Maths homework will be given out on a Friday , to be handed in the following Tuesday . Maths homework will always reflect their learning in school and they should be able to complete it independently. <i>Please note: if homework is not handed in by Tuesday, children will be expected to spend a break/lunch time to complete it.</i>																					

Children should not be expected to spend significantly longer on homework than the guide times above, however occasionally some homework activities may take more or less time than suggested.

Please do get in contact if you have any queries or issues regarding homework.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Roberts