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Dear Parent / Carer

Homework

We recently held a parent survey and have now had time to consider the feedback that we received. One of the items discussed was homework and I have undertaken a piece of work within school to review our current practice and to gather the opinions of the children and staff.

The opinions on homework are quite divided and we have found that some families would like there to be more homework, whereas others would prefer the school not to set homework at all. As homework is not compulsory for children of a primary school age, and the guidance from the DfE suggests schools should consider what they feel is best for their pupils when setting a policy for homework, we have decided that the school will have a consistent approach to the setting of homework with the understanding that not all families will choose to complete the tasks set. We feel that this approach is most suitable given the divide in opinion on this matter.

I hope that the following chart makes clear the school's approach to homework.

Phase	Homework Activities	Frequency
Early Years	Reading Books Sound/word of the week Family tasks	Weekly Weekly Fortnightly
Years 1 and 2	Reading Books Spellings Learning Log	Weekly Weekly Fortnightly
Years 3 and 4	Reading Books Spellings Maths Skills Learning Log	Weekly Weekly Fortnightly Fortnightly
Years 5 and 6	Reading Spellings Times Tables Revision Sheets Learning logs	Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Fortnightly



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The 'Learning Log' aspect of homework is something that the children have told us they particularly enjoy. This gives the children the freedom to complete the tasks set in any way they choose and we often receive very creative and personalised responses. It is an approach that children from Years 1 – 6 can access and enables us to have that level of consistency across the school. I am pleased to be able to attach and share with you some lovely examples of this style of homework.

Although homework is optional, we would encourage families to continue to listen to children reading at home and to learn the spellings that the teachers will be sending out on a regular basis. Both reading and spelling are vitally important aspects of your child's education and we place great emphasis on these skills being reinforced at home.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Laura Flynn
Assistant Headteacher



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