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Dear Parents,

Having eased the children back into school over the last week and a half, it is now time to begin homework!

In a bid to help children catch up and consolidate key skills, we have invested, with the help of the PTA, in a comprehensive scheme of English and Maths homework books. The children have been introduced to these in class today and have all had a practice at completing a homework exercise.

When your child shows you their homework book, they should be able to direct you to the page on which the homework for that week is marked. There may be a learning, practising or thinking task or a combination of 2 or 3, marked at the top of the page with space for any jottings required. Hopefully, this will be self-explanatory but if not, please do not hesitate to get in touch! Children should use a pencil in their homework books and not a pen.

The number on the books roughly corresponds to the year group that children are in. However, some children may have been given the book from the year below, or an alternative piece of homework, in order to help boost confidence but this will be reviewed as time goes on.

Spellings will continue as usual, with spelling tests on Friday mornings. Times tables tests will also continue as usual on Friday mornings. Children in year 4 upwards will not have a tables homework book, but will be expected to practise the times table they are on at home. The difference is that they will now not see the questions for the test prior to completing it on Fridays!

Please continue to hear your child read every day at home and record in their reading records. Reading underpins all other learning and is something we are closely focussed on in school during this catch up period.

Please give as much support as you can to your child when completing a homework task. Encourage them to find a quiet space without distraction and ensure that they know what to do before they begin.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Harrison