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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to clarify the homework expectations for each year group.

Homework is, of course, a chance for all children to consolidate their school learning at home, develop good learning habits and self-discipline. We appreciate your continued support with this. Children are only expected to spend a given amount of time on their homework, and if it is not finished within the time, this would be considered sufficient.

There is a gradual increase in expectations for each year group, which we hope will help to prepare your children for secondary school and beyond. The details for each year group are listed below.

YEAR 3

Reading at least 3 times a week – to be recorded in their reading record.
Times Tables Rockstars – at least 20 minutes per week.
Maths, English or Foundation – one of these weekly to take 30 minutes.

YEAR 4

Reading at least 3 times a week – to be recorded in their reading record.
Times Tables Rockstars – at least 20 minutes per week.
Maths or English – one of these on alternate weeks to take 30-40 minutes.

YEAR 5

Reading at least 3 times a week – to be recorded in their reading record.
Times Tables Rockstars – at least 20 minutes per week.
Maths and English – weekly to take 45-50 minutes

YEAR 6

Reading at least 3 times a week – to be recorded in their reading journal.
Times Tables Rockstars – at least 20 minutes per week.
Maths and English – weekly to take 1 hour

To support parents, the following has been agreed by all staff to ensure consistency across the school:

- Homework will be set on Tuesday, to be returned on Monday.
- In all year groups, the homework will be marked as a class, with examples being demonstrated on the board.
- Homework books will be gathered and checked through by the teacher or teaching assistant, and a 'Homework checked' stamp put on it.

- Any children who have shown misconceptions will be taken to go through their work with a member of staff to ensure that they understand their errors.
- Rewards will be given for the completion of homework.

If your child fails to bring in homework on Monday, they will firstly be given the opportunity to bring it on the following day. This will mean that they may miss marking it with the rest of their class. Every effort will be made to ensure that it is marked either with a peer or LSA. If homework is continually not brought in, then the class teachers will firstly speak with the child to see if there is any support that can be given to enable it to be completed. If homework continues to be missing, then the class teacher will phone parents to talk through any additional support that could be offered.

I hope this brings clarity, however if you have any further questions you can contact your child's class teacher through the class emails.

Kind regards

Mrs Denison