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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Years 1- 6 Homework Letter

This year we are refining our expectations of homework across Years 1 to 6. This is based upon current educational research into making homework meaningful and impactful alongside a desire to preserve the paramountcy of quality family time on evenings and weekends.

These are the elements of our new homework approach:

- All children should be reading at home daily and completing their reading diaries.
- Learning Across the Curriculum weekly tasks and books are being replaced with a half termly project. There will be a choice of three projects and children are expected to complete one over the course of the half term. These will be linked to the current topics and will come with suggestions for how to extend children and how to provide additional support.
- Maths homework will consist of weekly set questions focussing on basic skills, arithmetic and times tables. This will be set as an assignment on Microsoft Teams and answers should be shared with class teachers using this platform.
- Spelling words will be set weekly. These may not be the same for every child in a class and should not exceed six words. These will be posted on TEAMS.

Maths homework will be posted on Teams every Friday and topic projects will be emailed out on the first Friday of each half term. The first project will be emailed this Friday 17th September. The first maths homework will be sent home next Friday 24th September. This is to allow for the new TEAMS accounts for the new academic year to be established.

Your updated TEAMS login details for the new academic year will be shared with you next week once we have received them from our fantastic colleagues in technical support.

We do hope that you find this new approach beneficial and that it supports your child in their learning and enjoyment of their topics.

Yours Sincerely,

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