Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are no doubt aware, children do best at school when they are supported at home. In order to ensure time spent supporting your child has the greatest impact on their learning in school we have revised our expectations regarding homework.

For your information, we will no longer be sending home more formal homework which needs to be completed and returned to school the following week. Instead we would like you to focus on supporting your child to acquire the key skills for reading, writing and maths.

Your child should continue to read every night as we know that reading is the single most important skill for academic success. Children should also focus on learning the spelling patterns which are recorded each week in their home school diary and practising the ‘words we need to know’ for their year group.

To support their maths, children should learn the KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) for that half term. These are sent home each half term and are also outlined in the children’s home school diaries. This half term’s KIRFs are attached to this letter. Click here to also find them on our school website.

All children should have a log in for TT Rockstars; daily practice of their times tables will help secure their knowledge and speed. Children are expected to know all their times tables, up to 12 x 12, by the end of year 4. Next June, our current year 4 children, along with other year 4 children across the country, will be required to complete a multiplication tables test which tests the children’s ability to recall random times tables questions within a set time limit (6 seconds per question).

Reading should still be recorded each night in children’s home school diary; the diary can also be used to send brief messages to your child’s class teacher – children should let their teacher know if there is a message in their diary.

Our year 6 children will continue to have more formal homework in the spring and summer terms in preparation for their SATs and the transition to secondary school. The expectations for each year group are outlined on the back of this letter and can also be found in your child’s home school diary.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Ms K Hall
Deputy Headteacher
## Homework

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      Additional homework will also be set for those children attending the 11+ clubs or receiving additional support |
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If you wish your child to complete additional work at home, he / she can use the links on our website to access sites with suitable practice material.