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Homework

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very aware in school of how important family-time is at home, so we want homework to be useful and not a burden. Therefore, homework for Year 1 to Year 6 children focuses on the crucial skills of reading, spelling and learning times tables. These important areas are the key to being successful with the curriculum, so we ask that you can support your child(ren) with this as much as possible.

Reading

Children will have a reading book that will be changed regularly. We would encourage you to <u>read with your child</u> <u>every day</u> as this is crucial to their reading fluency, understanding, vocabulary, creativity, curiosity and confidence.

Spellings

These will be sent home by each teacher via the Marvellous Me app. Please help your child learn their spellings, by talking about the words, sharing ideas on how to remember them and practising them. (If you need a parent code letter for Marvellous Me please ask your child's class teacher.)

Times Tables

Each week your child will take a times tables test in class. Every child has a password for the *Times Tables Rockstars* website (<u>https://ttrockstars.com</u>) and app which can be used for practising at home. (If you would like another copy of your username and password, please ask your child's class teacher.) Here are the times tables that each year group need to know off by heart:

- Year 1 learn to count in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Year 2 need to know the multiplication and division facts from the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They also need to be learning their 3s and 4s.
- Year 3 need to know the multiplication and division facts from the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.
- Year 4 need to know every multiplication and division fact up to 12 x 12 off by heart.
- Year 5 and Year 6 will apply all of their times tables into different areas of maths such as fractions, decimals, percentages and problems, so it is crucial they know all of their facts off by heart.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Colley Deputy Headteacher