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Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

HOME-LEARNING and READING at HOME

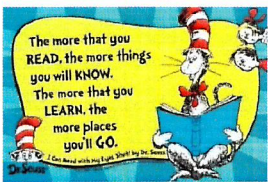
As a response to our Parent View questionnaire last year and the annual report feedback forms from you, we have once again reviewed our home-learning policy. Alongside this, we have been researching the impact of reading on children's life chances.



This year we will be sending home a different format for home learning that has a bigger focus on compulsory basic Maths and English skills, and some suggestions for enrichment activities for those families who wish to engage with them. The maths will be based on Timestables Rockstars for Team 2-6 with something slightly different for Team 1. English will be focussed on reading and spelling.

Our biggest push this year will be for home reading. Our expectation for the **MINIMUM** time that a child should be reading themselves is **five days a week** for the length of time suggested in the table. We would also recommend that you read **to** your child (whatever their year group) as much as possible; every day would make a huge difference.

Reception	5mins
Team 1	5mins
Team 2	10mins
Team 3	10mins
Team 4	10mins
Team 5	15mins
Team 6	15mins



Research shows, and we consistently observe in school that the children who read regularly at home (either shared or individually), perform significantly better right across the curriculum. Children who experience books frequently can improve their learning through increased vocabulary, wider general knowledge, greater understanding of the world and faster reading stamina. (This is how many words a child can read in a minute - there is an

expectation that a minimum of 90 words per minute by the end of year 6 allows children to be able to access the SATS tests.)


As well as the academic benefits of reading, children who read often have better concentration, social skills, mental health and are more proficient learners. Ultimately and most importantly, their life chances are significantly improved as a result. Also - a good book provides FUN, a great experience and a cheap hobby!

In school we will be praising children even more than before for reading, and doing everything we can to **inspire** children to read. We want to be very clear that we need them to read because they love it, not because they are being told to or get a prize if they do. We will be suggesting authors, re-inventing "StoryTime," going to the library, creating exciting reading corners, DEAR time and much more! However, this is still not enough and we would strongly recommend that you make reading a priority at home too.

The first home learning sheet will be on our school website on Friday and teachers will be sending a link via text. To confirm, there is no requirement for the children to bring home-learning in every Wednesday now, teachers will monitor completion of the tasks through children's performance in reading, maths and writing lessons, and through occasional spelling tests. Any other enrichment activities you choose to do can be brought to school whenever you wish.

If you have any questions or need advice about reading at home, or any other home learning, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thanks everyone,


Sharon Wyatt