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Y6 Home Learning

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience as we set up our Home Learning Programme for Y6. Across the school we have scaled back the amount of Home Learning as evidence shows that the best use of pupil's time is to focus on the basics of Spelling, Times Tables and, of course, Reading. In Year 6, however, we also have a duty to prepare students for the transition to secondary school. As a result, we have come up with what we hope to be a balanced timetable for home learning. We also recognise that each child is different and that many parents will want to provide more home-learning opportunities and some may wish to reduce the amount. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any issues or queries.

Today your child should come home with a home learning journal. Please encourage them to treat these with pride. They may wish to personalise the front cover by wrapping it in patterned paper.

1. Reading

It is absolutely vital that each child reads for at least 15 minutes per day. In addition, each holiday period, your child will be given a book from the Y6 Book Project collection. These books are intended to broaden the range of genre your child reads, stretch and challenge them and introduce them to more complex narrative forms.

2. Maths

Children have regular weekly home learning activities, either paper based or via Mathletics. In addition, children should be learning times tables regularly at home, practising both those they don't know yet and rehearsing known facts to ensure speedy retrieval.

3. Spelling

In separate half termly spelling letters, we lay out the spelling patterns we are teaching in class each week. You can support your child by learning these spellings and also looking for more simple errors in their writing.

4. Weekly Home Learning

After half-term we will begin sending a weekly task home to be completed in their home learning journal. Our focus will be Reading Comprehension and Punctuation and Grammar. Please return this on Monday so it can be corrected and returned with new work on Wednesday.

Thank you for your support in this and please do let us have feedback on how manageable and productive this programme of home learning is in terms of helping you to support your child.

Best wishes

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