



20 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

To support children as they approach Year 6 and secondary school, we have decided to review how we offer homework. We want the learning children complete at home to be beneficial and teach them the important skills of working independently and managing the responsibility of looking after the task and bringing it in on time.

Evidence of effectiveness

We have made changes to our provision based on the findings of homework effectiveness. Research suggests:

- Homework has a positive impact on learning (+5 months in progress).
- Homework linked to classwork tends to be more effective, especially if feedback is given.
- It is important to make the purpose of homework clear for pupils.

EEF, August 2021, <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/teaching-learning-toolkit/homework>

From the week beginning 17 January, our home learning expectation in Year 5 will be as follows:

Year 5		
Reading	Reading to be completed at home (this can be online through MyOn).	x5 weekly (Checked on a Friday)
SPAG	Grammar based activity to be set each week from the Study Book.	Weekly Friday for Friday
Maths	Mathematics activities set to complete at home supporting class learning	Weekly Friday for Friday

Workbook

By providing the children with a workbook, we aim to increase independent learning skills and boost responsibility. Children will be expected to complete the grammar task each week in their books and bring it to the grammar lesson on Friday where it will be marked, and feedback given.

As a school, we will purchase these books for the children but in return we do ask you to help your child look after this resource and take pride in bringing it back into school each week. If copies are lost or damaged, we will ask for a contribution to replace them.

Home School Communication

We will send an email home each Monday sharing with you the positive news if your child has completed all the home learning and are on track for the end of term reward we propose as a 'thank you' for their hard work.

If your child has not completed their home learning task, an email will be sent to notify you of this so you can speak with your child and feedback to the class teacher if any additional support is needed.

Additional Support

Although a home learning book will be provided for Year 5 curriculum objectives, we are aware that some children require a different provision and will be catered for accordingly.

Reducing the Stress

We understand that for some children, completing additional learning tasks can be stressful. However, we want to prepare the children as best we can for secondary school where home learning will be a daily expectation. If you can support your child, we really appreciate it. However, providing encouragement and an opportunity to complete it is enough. Please do not worry if you are unable to help them with the specifics of the task as this will be followed up in class during our Friday lesson. The important thing is that they have had a go, taken pride in what they have done and bring their homework to the relevant lesson.

We look forward to trialling our new home learning incentive and will write to you again after half term to review its effectiveness.

We look forward to your support and if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ajewole
Year 5 & 6 Phase Leader