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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a relaxing Christmas break.

You may remember that last term we sent out a survey asking for parents' views on homework. We have looked carefully at the many responses received and as a result will be making some changes to how we set homework and the expectations for this.

Research shows that homework can have limited benefits for children in primary school and we are aware that many of you lead busy family lives which include lots of extra-curricular activities. We have also taken note of the feedback that Class Dojo is not an ideal platform on which to set homework, due to it being difficult to access and print documents.

Therefore, we have set the following expectations for homework for year groups 1-5, which are aimed at supporting children to develop the core skills and knowledge needed to underpin their learning as they move through the school:

1. Reading (daily)
2. Spellings (weekly)
3. Times Table Rockstars for KS2 (daily)
4. **Optional topic homework:**

Every half term you will receive a booklet containing ideas for optional homework linked to your child's current topic. These ideas will span the breadth of the curriculum, focusing on areas that the teacher has identified for development within the class. Activities may include art, craft, maths, English amongst others. There will be enough ideas for your child to complete one a week if they wish, **but all ideas are optional**. If your child chooses to complete a homework, there will be time set aside for them to share this with their teacher and/or classmates as appropriate.

In Reception, please focus on reading daily with your child, as this is their main priority at this stage. In the summer term, spellings will also be introduced.

For Year 6, we are aware of the importance of preparing children for secondary school and the homework expectations they will have as they move into KS3. Therefore, in addition to the above homework, please expect extra maths and English homework, including SATs revision materials to be sent home, as appropriate.

Please look out for your child's optional homework booklet which will be sent out next week as a paper copy and also attached to Dojo.

If you have any questions regarding homework, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Many thanks

Emma Jacox

**Headteacher**