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Dear Parents,

After responses from a recent Home Learning survey, we will be offering a new homework experience. In your child's homework book, you will find a list of activities. Each week we would like you to **choose one activity** (which will be updated termly) to complete at home; children in school have helped us to develop some of these ideas. The tasks are also more open ended and encourage creativity and enjoyment.

However, we will have tasks that we **expect** your child to work on regularly – ideally **every school night**. These tasks are **reading** (and signing the reading record) **and practising mathematics work (times tables/ number bonds)**; all of which will help children build upon the skills they are being taught in class. Year group spelling expectations will be in the back of their homework books for your reference if you wish to practise these. The spelling rules that your child will be learning in class this term will be on the newsletter and at the front of their homework books. The children are welcome to learn their spellings in their own time, how ever they choose. These rules will be taught discreetly in school.

Please note that certain year groups may be given more formal homework in line with expectations in that year eg. SATs in Year 2 and Year 6. Children attending booster sessions may also be given homework to consolidate their learning. However, these will be balanced with open ended tasks.

Parents are welcome to print weekly pictures or create a written outcome should they wish. Activities should be highlighted accordingly to demonstrate that homework is completed.

Some other tips for good homework routines:

- ▶ Encourage your child and praise them doing their homework
- ▶ Schedule a regular time for homework
- ▶ Find a quiet place at home to use as a homework area
- ▶ Discuss homework tasks and how they connect with what they are doing at school
- ▶ Turn off the TV!
- ▶ Don't let homework become a chore – keep it fun and make it a special time that you both look forward to.

Please speak to your class teacher should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Ayesha Dent and Kerry Cook