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Dear families,

We have been looking at the homework we set your child, and whether it is linked to our school priorities in order to raise attainment and ensure every child reaches their potential. Throughout lockdown all our students were accessing online learning effectively and gaining some amazing computing skills. In order to maximise the learning support from home and the potential of online learning, we have decided that the majority of homework is best supported through online packages. As a result of this, your child will be expected to do the following at home:

- Use of online packages such as Numbots (Reception & Y1), Times Table Rockstars (Y2 to Y6) and Reading Plus (Y3 to Y6) for at least 30 minutes a week per package.
- Spellings to be practised daily in orange books or planners. Please ensure that this is brought into school daily so that spelling tests can be completed.
- Reading a physical book from school at least 3 times a week and signed and dated in the reading record or planner.

Your child's new teacher will ensure that you know what is expected and children can still attend homework club to complete this if they have been granted a place.

This new approach will enable teaching staff to concentrate on assessing and reviewing learning, rather than the administration that is needed for the physical homework books. Topic webs and knowledge organisers will still be sent out to inform you of the learning that is happening in school and we encourage you to support your child with this. There will also be after school clubs that will offer the opportunity for your child to access the online packages in school, but this is additional to the expectation set above. If you have any queries on these changes, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Thank you for your support.



Helen Haunch
Principal

