



Thorndown Primary School and Pre-School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Homework Expectations

I am writing to you to share the homework expectations for this term. If you have queries or concerns regarding homework, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's Team Leader.

Foundation Stage

Homework is always shared with you through a weekly newsletter. You are asked to play phonics and maths games with your child, as well as reading to each other.

Year 1

Please continue with the phonics cards and games from last term, read to, and with, you child and do not forget to encourage your child to log on to NumBots.

Year 2

Year 2 have been learning their common exception words and this needs to continue this term. Please read with, and to, your child and encourage them to log on regularly to NumBots.

Years 3 and Year 4

There is always a half-termly project which revisits the previous term's learning that your child will have completed in the classroom. Details of these projects will be sent home to you separately. Please keep reading with, and to, your child and promoting their use of NumBots to develop their addition and subtraction skills and TTRockstars, which really develop their times table fact fluency. (TTRockstars is usually introduced during the Spring or Summer term in Year 3.) There will also be times where comprehension tasks may be sent home over a weekend or half term. If this is the case, you will be notified by your child's class teacher.

Year 5

As last term, there will be half-termly projects for homework. There will also be half-termly English and Maths tasks to complete. What is new in the Spring Term is the introduction of targeted weekly reading comprehension homework. In addition, there is an expectation that pupils will also complete their reading planner work. Week A involves recording what has been read at home and completing a small task and Week B encourages pupils to complete a reading task which they have chosen from a menu of options. These are also shared with the teacher and class at set times each week.





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Year 6

In Year 6, there are weekly spelling and grammar tasks, reading and maths. This will be discussed and shared with the class teacher every week. As with Year 5, there is an expectation that pupils will also complete their reading planner work. Week A involves recording what has been read at home and completing a small task and Week B encourages pupils to complete a reading task chosen from a menu of options. These are also shared with the teacher at set times each week. I am aware that Miss Broadhurst ran a parents information about the Reading Planners early in September and this is still available to watch on the Year 5/6 section of our website.

In upper Key Stage 2, the expectation for homework is greater, as it is important that children take more ownership over their learning and are prepared for their journey to secondary school.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you give your child's learning through helping them with their homework. Working in partnership with you can really help your child fully remember key facts and information, and secure the important foundations in reading, phonics and maths necessary for their future learning in school. Reinforcing the learning that starts in the classrooms, can really make it "stick" in children's memories. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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