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Dear Parent/Guardian,

HOMEWORK APPROACH

In September 2020, we changed our Homework Policy, and it has continued to be a huge success. Therefore, we have decided to continue with the Homework Books:

- 10 Minute Weekly Workout (5 Book Bundle) high quality published CGP books covering Spelling and Vocabulary, Maths, English, Arithmetic and Times Tables (Recommended Retail price £29.75), specific to Year Groups. These books have an assortment of weekly tasks which the children can complete at home at any time during the week to help fit in around schedules and homelife. The books progress through the year, set out into Autumn Term, Spring Term and Summer Term, and parents will have access to answers in the back of the books. These books will remain at home and not be brought into school.
- Daily reading at home will continue to be the expectation.
- Daily spelling practise will continue to be the expectation, and spelling lists will remain to be uploaded on the children's 'TEAMS' account, along with a NEW login for 'Spelling Shed'* which will also have their spellings on.
- Daily times tables practise at home will continue to be the expectation, as well as children continuing to login and use 'Times Table (TT) Rockstars'**.

In order to offer this package, we will be asking parents for £10.00 per year for the FULL 5 BOOK BUNDLE, to help cover the cost of the Weekly Workout books and subscriptions which will support your child's learning. Parents will have the option to opt out, however, no other alternative to homework will be provided, and there will still be the expectation for children to continue the daily reading, spelling, and times tables practise.

Payment of £10.00 for the 'Homework Package' can be made on parents' ARBOR account, alternatively cash or a contactless payment can be made at the School Office.

*Spelling Shed – this is an online Spelling Programme in the form of games which are engaging and fun. This was trialled across the school, and the children using Spelling Shed, of different abilities, were achieving at least 8/10 in their weekly spelling tests.

**TT Rockstars – this is currently being used by children in school and is an engaging and fun way for them to learn and practise their times tables.

To 'OPT IN' to the homework package, please make the payment of £10.00 on ARBOR. Once payment is made, the homework books will be given to your child.

Yours faithfully,

N. Watson

Miss N. Watson **Head Teacher**