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Dear Class 1 Parents,

### **RE: Homework**

Homework is an essential part of being a successful learner in life. At school, we value its place as it helps our children to practise and perfect their skills, as well as deepen their knowledge, understanding and skills through regular short bursts of repetitive tasks. It also gives you as parents an idea of what your child is learning about in school.

Homework will normally be given as shown below. In addition, Reception & Year 1 children are expected to read with an adult for 5-10 minutes **most nights**. Please sign your child's reading record book, saying where you got up to, to show you have read together and discussed their reading.

If you have any concerns about the task given please speak to Miss Smith or Mrs Beattie or put a note in your child's reading record.

YR/Y1 will also have the opportunity to visit the library most weeks to choose a book to enjoy with an adult. This will usually happen on a Thursday or Friday. If they need changing please make sure they are in the book bag on these days.

### Homework Timetable

Whilst homework will usually be numeracy or literacy based, we also recognise and value the importance of other areas of the curriculum. The children may occasionally be asked to complete a task which is more topic based. We also encourage the children to bring in objects to show the others, which are **relevant** to the topic they are learning about. E.g shells when learning about the seaside or photographs of their home when learning about houses.

### **Nursery:**

Children will bring home a book to read and share with the family. It will be replaced when a comment is written in the reading record to say it has been read. Please feel free to make any comments about your child's reaction to the book.

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**Reception:**

Children will bring home sound and word key rings, which will be added to as new sounds and words are covered. These should be practiced every night.

While building up their word blending skills children will initially bring home letter / sound books. The children are not expected to read the words in these books but instead discuss the sound....find it in the words....talk about / guess what things could be in the book beginning with that letter / sound.

When they do begin on the reading scheme it is important that they read regularly every night. Please sign your child's reading record book, saying how they got on with sounds / words or where you got up to, to show you have read together and discussed their reading.

**Handwriting:** As the children learn new sounds/letters they will also learn the correct formation with a handwriting phrase to go with each. Children will bring home a formation activity sheet to practice. Please encourage the correct letter formation backed up by saying the handwriting phrase as they write.

**Year 1:**

**Keyrings:** As appropriate for the child, word and sound key-rings will be sent home and the children should practice these as regularly as possible.

**Maths:** Children with bring home maths facts to learn by heart over time.

**Spellings:** Spellings will be sent home every Friday. They should be returned each Friday.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Smith & Mrs Beattie

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Please sign to say you have received and read this homework letter.

I have received and understand the homework expectations for my child \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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