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Dear Parents,

The staff in Year 6 are becoming increasingly concerned with the amount of children that are not meeting their weekly homework expectations and this is having a noticeable impact.

We expect the children to read every day and now that they are in Year 6 to complete their reading records themselves at least 3 times a week with a good quality comment. Some children are not reading every day, which is vital if they are to make the necessary progress and to ensure they can access all areas of the curriculum. Some children have the understanding within other curriculum areas but are unable to work independently because they are not able to do the reading required to complete the task.

We pay for a subscription to TT Rockstars and ask that all children access the site at least twice a week for 5/10 minutes. This will really help with their times tables, in a fun way, which is vital as it will help them in lots of areas of Maths and will no longer be a hurdle when answering a trickier problem.

Our 5 a-day-problems are to be completed each night and we expect the children to show their workings as the idea behind the task is for the children to become fluent at those operations.

We do understand that we lead busy lives but the daily homework of reading, spellings and times tables or 5 a day should take no more than 20 minutes, which most of the time the children should be able to do independently.

In preparation for the Year 6 SATs in May we will not be sending home the weekly homework, but instead will ask the children to complete CGP homework instead. This will consist of a Reading on Monday, Maths on Wednesday and SpaG on a Friday (for the following Monday). The homework is for the following day when we will go through it as a class.

To support the children to complete this we are sending the children home with 2 revision books. One for Maths and one for English. In previous years we have asked parents buy the books at a reduced cost but this year we are loaning the books out to save the cost and so that we can use the books with future Year 6 classes.

Each child will receive the 2 books in a cardboard folder that are all numbered, so that we know which books are given to which child. If any books are lost or damaged there will be a charge of £3 per book.

I have added an example homework timetable that the children have all received to help them to remember to do their homework and to do it in manageable times.

We really do appreciate your support and hope you recognise that this is for the benefit of the children.

Year 6 Team.