



21st January 2019

Dear Parents,

Over the past few weeks we have been monitoring the number of children who consistently complete and return their homework and discovered sadly that it is less than a third of pupils. (A massive thank you to those families who support their children with this.) Due to these results I have decided to ask you to consult with us as to what you consider a 'reasonable expectation' for the children to complete at home. Reading three times a week (gaining a parental signature) and learning their spellings are non-negotiable as this basic request is invaluable to promote good learning.

As part of our behaviour policy children who do not complete their homework receive a consequence and they miss non-teaching time to complete the homework. The high levels of children who are having to miss part of their playtime is growing by the week and this impacts on lesson preparation for the staff.

Can you please tick the relevant boxes below or email me your thoughts, as with all expectations we have to make it fair to all and I genuinely value your input. Once I have ascertained your thoughts, I will send out the results and firm up the policy we will draw from it and the consequences for those children who do not complete what is set.

I fully understand that family life is very busy, and most of the children attend clubs, Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs, sporting events and training, however home learning is a valuable opportunity for children to begin self-regulation of their own learning, this is a lifelong skill that will enable them to achieve well in the future. We feel that home learning is good preparation as they transition into their next phase of schooling.

As well as the reading and spelling expectation we would support our child's home learning by facilitating them to complete: -

A piece of writing a week

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A piece of writing a fortnight

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Times tables weekly

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A maths sheet per week

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A research piece of homework related to their topic

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Many thanks for responding and please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Kind regards

Mrs J Cook

Headteacher

