



Dear Parent/ Carer,

Over the past year we have had a few phone calls and enquiries about homework. Discussions around homework are usually about it being too much, too little or not enough flexibility around family life, out of school activities, clubs etc. On our display, you will see examples of our current model which goes out fortnightly and has a range of compulsory activities on it.

I am proposing to try a new homework model after Easter up until Summer (please see the board). It would comprise three parts. The first would involve a simple weekly homework task sheet going out to you on a Monday with the homework to be returned by Friday. Each week there will be two compulsory tasks. One will be reading which we recommend the children do every night or a minimum of three school nights a week, additionally they would also complete a maths related task linked to current class work which the children could do on one night. Next the teachers would issue a grid of a variety of tasks the children could choose to do. This grid would be issued for the whole term to provide choice. Ideally we would aim for the children to choose one task a week. They could do these, or not, depending on how busy they are with clubs, family events etc. Finally the teacher would provide a list of websites, sites the school subscribes to and free Apps which the children use in class which would link again to ongoing learning. The children would be free to access these a little or as often as they wanted.

We feel that, coming in to the Summer term with Dance displays, football tournaments e.t.c we would like to offer more flexibility to the homework. We will survey you early in the new session (2018/19) to get your views on which model you prefer. It may be that we could use both, perhaps using the more flexible model between October and Christmas and between Easter and Summer and reverting to the original model at other times.

Please have a look at our display and feel free to ask questions to any of the SMT, the children will also be able to discuss it with you. We'll get back to you in August to seek your views on which model you like best, once you've had a chance to try both.

Kind Regards

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