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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that the start of term has allowed your child to settle into their class and develop a relationship with their new teacher. This is something that will continue to develop throughout the session but does take much of the focus at the start of term.

The children are now very much starting to develop their skills and knowledge across the curriculum within their class and the school. For this session we would like to pilot an approach to home learning and we will review this with you throughout the session and take this into account for the following year.

Developing the whole child is very important to us at Orchard Primary and to you as parents. School provides one form of learning and activities at home and wider life experiences provide another. Both are very much needed in a child’s life. The home learning we will pilot should give children the balance between different types of learning and also allow you to be informed of their learning and progress within school.

The children will work hard every day in school. Their learning will be active and engaging and allow them to progress in the knowledge and skills they have in a range of curricular areas.

At home children will have reading to be done every night and each week they will have spelling/common words and Numeracy Maths facts to practise. These will be part of their in class learning. These tasks will be in their homework diary every week. Children do not need to write these tasks or hand them in to be marked. Assessment will be built into the daily teaching.

You will also get home a termly Home learning sheet. This will share your child’s learning focuses across the curriculum and give you ideas of activities you can do should you wish to do further structured learning at home. Each month you will get their Snapshot jotter home which will have an example of a range of learning activities completed in class with feedback from the teacher. This jotter will have a comment sheet for you and your child to complete. We hope that your child’s *Snapshot Jotter* becomes a valuable way for you to engage in their learning with them.

Reading and spelling/common words will start next week. With the home learning sheet coming out the following week. If you have any questions or concerns on this please contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Jill Woodward**

**Head Teacher**