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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The children have made huge steps forward in terms of curriculum recovery due to COVID-19 lockdowns. To help address a slight change in children's attitude to learning, we have revised our homework expectations per year group. Please read below, our revised homework expectations.

	Phonics - compulsory	Reading - compulsory	Spelling - compulsory	X Tables - compulsory Y2-Y4	Maths IXL (optional YR-Y4 compulsory Y5 & Y6)	English IXL - optional	Topic - compulsory
R	Weekly	5 x a week			Weekly (optional)	Weekly (optional)	Submitted $\frac{1}{2}$ termly
1	Weekly	5 x a week	Weekly (from summer term)		Weekly (optional)	Weekly (optional)	Submitted $\frac{1}{2}$ termly
2		5 x a week	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly (optional)	Weekly (optional)	Submitted $\frac{1}{2}$ termly
3		5 x a week	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly (optional)	Weekly (optional)	Submitted $\frac{1}{2}$ termly
4		5 x a week	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly (optional)	Weekly (optional)	Submitted $\frac{1}{2}$ termly
5		3 x a week	Weekly		Weekly (compulsory)	Weekly (optional)	Submitted $\frac{1}{2}$ termly
6		3 x a week	Weekly		Weekly (compulsory)	Weekly (optional)	Submitted $\frac{1}{2}$ termly

Homework is a lovely opportunity for you as a parent to have dialogue with your child about their learning. It also supports teaching pedagogy and reinforces spaced repetition of learning, thus facilitating your child's learning to be stored into their long-term memory. Spaced repetition supports your child's ability to retain knowledge in the form of schemata, which enables them to automatically build upon previously learned knowledge.

Your child's Class Teacher will ensure that all homework is posted onto your child's Google Classroom page every Friday for the following week. This can be accessed in the 'Classwork'

tab along the top of the Google Classroom page. In addition to this, your child's Class teacher will post your child's new Topic Homework grid on Friday 28th May. This will enable you to see what your child will be learning about after half term, prior to the half term break. We ask that the compulsory topic homework be submitted throughout the last half of the summer term to suit your child's needs and other commitments.

As you are already aware, all staff are hardworking and genuinely do have your child's best interest at heart, but please can I ask that you respectfully support teacher's workload and not expect email replies after 5pm during weekdays or at all at weekends and during the holidays. Staff will access their emails Monday-Friday 8am-5pm, **term time only**.

Please consider homework to be a supportive mechanism to facilitate your child's learning journey through the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'EBY' with a decorative flourish underneath.

Emma Berry
Headteacher