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Dear Parents and Carers,

We believe homework plays an important role in your child's education. In Key Stage 2 (KS2), we focus on reading and learning times tables as key aspects of home learning, as they are both integral to the school curriculum and essential life skills.

Pupils in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) are expected to read and practise times table recall each week. Reading expectations are a minimum of three reads per week, which should be recorded in your child's planner and will be monitored weekly by the class teacher.

To support rapid and accurate recall of times tables, pupils are also required to complete 30 minutes of Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) each week. This will be tracked via the TTRS website. TTRS is a safe, online game that provides valuable assessment information, and it can be accessed on any device with internet capability.

If pupils do not complete their reading and TTRS homework, they will be asked to attend a homework catch-up session the following week. If a child fails to meet homework expectations three times in a half term, they will receive a 'red' sanction in addition to attending the catch-up session. Continued non-compliance may result in further sanctions, in line with school policy.

TTRS clubs and libraries are available to help pupils meet these requirements without needing to rely solely on support from home.

If your child experiences any difficulties with technology or internet access, please inform their class teacher so we can arrange alternatives.

Homework expectations will be monitored from next week (beginning Monday, 16th September), with the first compulsory catch-up session taking place the week after (beginning Monday, 23rd September) for those who haven't completed the minimum homework. These sessions will take place during school hours.

Please note, there is no expectation for children to complete reading or TTRS homework during school holidays.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Lock

Head of School