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Homework and Spelling 2017-18

Dear Parents,

We are introducing a whole school approach to Homework and Spelling this term in response to parent feedback.

Homework

At the beginning of each term, each child will receive a homework mat with a range of different activities to choose from. These will correspond with our areas of learning (as outlined on class planning mats).

Core homework activities (in the middle of the mat) should be ongoing and take place on a daily/weekly basis. These are:

- Daily reading
- Spelling – preparing for weekly tests
- Times tables/Astro Challenge practice

In addition to this, children should choose one piece of homework from the grid to complete each week. Maths and English activities are compulsory; children can choose from the remaining activities.

Your child will complete 5 of the activities throughout the course of Term 1, although may complete more should they choose to do so.

A piece of homework should be handed in every **Tuesday** along with your child's homework book. The homework will be marked/commented on and returned on Thursday. Please note that in Ash and Willow Classes, some homework is required in by specified dates.

We hope that this approach to homework will provide a greater element of choice and flexibility.

Spelling

Children from all classes will receive their spellings for the whole term in advance. These will be organised into weekly lists and the test date stated for each list. Each list will correspond to spelling patterns taught in class that week. The test days will be:

- Willow Class (for Year 1's only) every **Friday**
- Ash, Elm, Oak and Beech classes every **Tuesday**.

Learning needs to happen in school and at home. A 'Spelling Menu' of different strategies to support your child in learning spellings will be given out with homework books this week. Pupils should choose the strategies they find most effective. Children may wish to do some of these activities in their homework books.

We would appreciate your feedback. Please could you take the time to complete the attached sheet and return to school by Friday 15th September 2017.

Regards,

Miss Prichard

Deputy Headteacher



