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Dear Parents and Carers

Key information for this term

Home Learning Year 1-6

You may have noticed that we haven't sent out any information about home learning yet this year. We have been reviewing our systems and considering research on what types of learning are most effective.

We are trying to create a consistent approach to home learning, focusing on these key aspects:

1. reading
2. spelling
3. maths
4. wider world knowledge

Going over their learning is a key part of helping children to build up a good long term memory. We would like to focus home learning on giving pupils opportunities to remember and use learning that they have been taught in school.

We have considered how to encourage pupils to engage in this learning, and how we can make it manageable for families. We would like to trial some systems for the autumn term, then get your views on how things are going at the start of December. We will then take parent views into account in our planning for the Spring term.

For pupils who are working at a lower level that their peers, they will have work set at appropriate levels for them based on their individual needs.



	English	Maths	Wider curriculum
Year 1	Daily reading on Oxford Owl & phonics book Red words (common words) will be sent home for pupils to practice. These will be the words they are learning in their phonics groups. More words will be sent home as pupils move up the phonics group.	Once a week: Appropriate maths to practice will be set by the teacher on the online resource 'Numbots'	Twice a year: A curriculum enhancement task will be set
Year 2	Pupils in phonics groups: As Year 1 Children who have finished phonics: Reading their own reading book Appropriate words to practice will be set by the teacher on the online resource 'Spelling Shed'	As Year 1	As Year 1
Year 3/4	As Year 2	Once a week: Appropriate maths to practice will be set by the teacher on the online resource 'Times Tables Rock Stars'	As Year 1
Year 5/6	As Year 2	A maths booklet will be sent home for pupils to work on which links to the unit they are doing in school. This will give extra practice or things that they are currently being taught.	As Year 1

The home learning is going to start coming out over the following weeks, and class teachers will be sending out more detailed information for families when setting the home work.

We hope that this home learning plan will be able to support you as a family, and help your children to build up their knowledge and skills.

Planning, Preparation and Assessment

All teachers are entitled to have 10% of the teaching week as 'PPA time'. PPA time stands for 'planning, preparation and assessment' time. It is time allocated for a teacher to complete their duties away from the children in their care. This gives them additional time during the working week to plan and prepare lessons and helps them to manage their workload.



Teachers have fixed sessions each week and teaching is mostly provided by our Art specialist Mrs Millar, our French specialist Mrs Townsend and our Computing Specialist Mrs Taylor.

PPA Timetable

Class	Day	Time
Willow	Tuesday	13:00-15:15
Cedar	Tuesday	13:00-15:15
Juniper	Wednesday	13:00-15:15
Maple	Wednesday	13:00-15:15
*Hawthorn	Thursday	13:00-15:15
Conifer	Thursday	13:00-15:15
Beech	Thursday	13:00-15:15
Hazel	Monday	13:00-15:15
Rowan	Monday	13:00-15:15
Sycamore	Monday	13:00-15:15

*In addition to this Mrs Flowerdew will be teaching Hawthorn class 2:15-3:15 every Tuesday so that Mrs Davis has PPA time.

Because afternoon sessions are shorter than morning sessions, there are occasions when staff need to be given additional sessions for PPA time.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards

Kate Flowerdew
Headteacher

