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Home Learning

As a school we have been looking at home learning (homework) and have decided to change our approach.

Why change?

From your responses on our questionnaire we could see that there was a wide range of views: from those of you who wanted more to those who didn't want any.

Teachers have commented on the need for children to focus on the basic skills and for families to spend more positive time together.

Research highlights that homework has only a limited effect on primary aged children.

Our secondary school colleagues have made it clear that the most important activities children should be doing at home is reading, number bonds and times tables. It is the need to build routines at home which is important.

What is the new approach?

Our new approach supports all opinions with a minimum expectation for each class of the basic skills and then extra activities including social skills which are optional.

Each class teacher will inform you of the basic directed activities which will include reading, times tables, number work and spellings. (age appropriate)

Extra activities and suggestions will also be provided on a termly basis. These will include a range of suggestions which also include social skills. These are optional and will provide you with ideas to support your child's learning.

Key messages

You should be focussing on the basic skills of reading, times tables and number.

There is a need to spend quality time with your children (turn off gadgets etc)

Create opportunities to talk to your child about their learning and interests.

Encourage your children to participate in sports, arts etc

If you want extra home learning activities they will be provided on a termly basis.

Mr P Rose
Headteacher

