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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, the work that parents do at home with their children is extremely important to their education. We know that many of you work very hard with your child and we see the impact this has in school. We also know that many parents are very busy and that sometimes homework can be a difficult thing to juggle. For this reason, we have had a look at homework across the school to see if we are asking you to spend your precious time doing the most important things for your child.

We all agree that the most important thing for you to spend time on with your child is reading. If a child cannot read fluently, and with understanding, then all of the rest of the work that we do in school is harder for them. The best way to learn to read is to read aloud to an adult. We need you to do this with your child as often as possible.

In maths, the most important thing that a child needs to be successful is to know their number facts. This means knowing number bonds and times tables. Without knowing these, it is very hard for anyone to carry out mental calculations and to move on to written multiplication and division. We would like you to spend time as often as possible working on these with your child.

In addition, we would like parents to continue to support their child with learning spellings.

For topic, we will be sending home information at the beginning of each topic about the precise knowledge and skills that will be covered during it. This is to give you as much information as possible about what your child will be learning about so that you can talk to them about it. If you would like them to, your child can carry out a short project of their choice based on what is covered over the topic. It is up to you whether you do this work but we know that many of you enjoy spending this time with your child and would encourage you to do so if it works for your family.

We will not be sending home any written maths or English homework. This means that we hope that you will find time to focus on these skills that really will make a difference to your child's achievement in school.

From time to time, your child's class teacher may wish to send a particular piece of work for them to carry out at home. If this happens, they will explain why and how it should be completed. Children in Year 6 may also be sent home additional written homework in preparation for SATs.

LEARNING, *Growing* & *Achieving* Together

Attached is a summary of the homework expectations for children in Years 1-6. We will be running workshops and other information sessions in the Autumn term on reading, learning number facts and spelling.

Please do ask if you have any questions about this approach.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher