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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading, Homework and Home Learning Expectations in Year 1 and Year 2

I would like to take this opportunity to share our expectations and routines for reading and homework in our Year 1 and Year 2 class.



Reading

Reading is one of the most important ways that you can support your child's learning at home. We ask that children **read at least three times each week at home** with an adult. Each time your child reads at home, and it is recorded in their reading diary, they will receive a **reading token** as a reward for their effort. This reading token goes towards reading merit rewards and a further reward of an afternoon tea for the two children with the most reading tokens at the end of each term.

Children will read with an adult in school **twice each week**, so it is important that their **reading diary is brought into school every day**.



Reading Books

- Reading books will be changed every **Thursday**.
- Please ensure books and reading diaries are returned to school ready for changing.
- Children should continue to reread their books throughout the week to build fluency and confidence.



Read Write Inc. (RWI)

Children will also have access to their **Read Write Inc. storybooks online** through the home learning portal. We strongly encourage children to read these stories at home and complete the accompanying quizzes to support comprehension and develop a love of reading.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment 1



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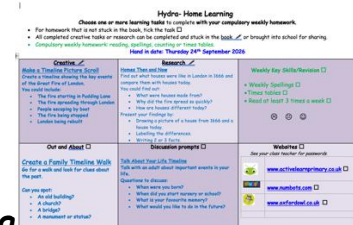
Spellings and Times Tables

Spellings and times tables will be sent home every **Friday**. Children will then be tested on these the following **Friday**.

To celebrate their hard work:

- Children who achieve **full marks in their spelling test** will receive a **merit**.
- Children who achieve **full marks in their times tables test** will also receive a **merit**.

Regular practice at home makes a huge difference and helps children to become more confident and successful learners.



Home Learning

Home learning will be sent home **every other week**. The activities are **not compulsory**, but they are highly recommended as they provide opportunities for children to practise and consolidate the learning taking place in school.

We love seeing the home learning that children complete and always make time to celebrate their efforts.



Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)

We encourage all children to access **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** at home.

Regular use of TTRS helps children develop quick recall of multiplication facts in a fun and engaging way. Children who access TTRS at home will be rewarded with a **merit** for their efforts.

Thank you for your continued support. Working together helps us to develop confident readers and enthusiastic learners. If you have any questions about reading, homework or home learning, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 1/2 team.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Percival & Class Team