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Dear Parents,

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Welcome back!

Daily Reading homework

Reading is such an important skill and we really do value all the hard work you are putting in at home to support the children. Please continue to hear your child read on a daily basis if possible, a regular 15-20 minutes of focused reading really does have a huge impact on their skills and confidence. We have highlighted the appropriate reading stage for your child and given ways you can help at home in more detail:

Read Write Inc.

Many of the children are working through our phonics reading scheme "Read Write Inc". The children will come home with 2 books on a Monday, an online RWI reading book will also be set. The login details for this are in the front of the children's diaries. The phonics & online reading books will focus on the same stage that the children are working on in class.

In the front of the book there are decodable "green words" and tricky "red words". When receiving a new book, it is worth spending a 10-15 minutes sounding out the green words and instantly recognising the red words before beginning to read the text. This gives the children confidence and really improves their fluency and understanding as they read. The meaning of any new or more complex vocabulary is presented in the "vocabulary check". We would encourage you to discuss these words before reading the story and referring back to it as necessary.

Reading the whole story 2 or 3 times throughout the week will really help to develop the children's fluency, understanding and confidence. At the back of the book there is usually a story map to encourage the children to retell the story too.

For children to progress from the phonics scheme onto Accelerated Reader they need to be able to read the text fluently and to be able to accurately answer questions about it. Rereading the text several times really helps to develop the all-important skills of fluency and comprehension. The online reading books set each week have a quiz attached. The children are being heavily rewarded with house points for attempting these quizzes. They are a super way of cementing understanding and bridging the children on to the Accelerated Reader scheme.

The library book is there for you to read and share with your child. There is no expectation that they should read this independently. The children can freely select their own library books based on what interests them.

Accelerated Reader

Many Y2 children will now begin to progress from the phonics scheme onto Accelerated Reader. You will find your child comes home with a book with a number on the spine e.g. 2.5. The children are encouraged to read the book at least twice to develop their fluency and comprehension skills. When they feel confident, they take a 5 minute quiz at school, with questions about the book. Their comprehension score will dictate the next level of difficulty. The children self-select these books from the library and change them on successful completion of the quizzes. Hearing your child read their AR book aloud at home is still incredibly important as it gives them a chance to discuss the meaning of tricky vocabulary and develop their fluency, expression and attention to punctuation. The children now have a bookmark card they use alongside their reading book that enables them to map their progress. The children are rewarded with house points for daily reading and quiz scores.

Spelling homework

Last half-term each child took home their individual spelling test with correct spellings highlighted. As a continuation of last half-term's spelling homework, please continue to practice the next 10 spellings on the list. If you have misplaced

your child's individual spelling list please let us know and we will send home another copy.

Some Year 2 children will receive a new list in the coming week as they have since completed their previous spellings.

Maths homework

Y2 children should have received a CGP maths book at parents evening. As discussed please use this to support your child over the coming half-term. The children are encouraged to continue learning their x10, x2, x5 and x3 times tables at home. Posters of these times tables were sent home last half-term. If you need another copy please let us know.

Y1 counting forward and backwards to 100. Being able to say 1 more or 1 less than any number to 100, focusing on changes over 10s boundaries
e.g 38, 39, _____ or 41, 40, _____

PE

We continue to have PE on a Tuesday and Friday. Please send your child to school dressed in their PE kit these days.

Learning Challenge Curriculum

Please find the attached copy of our learning challenge curriculum topic for the half-term term.

Please check that all school jumpers, water bottles, book bags, & hats are clearly labelled.

Many Thanks,
Mrs Talbot and The Wren Class Team