

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we start getting underway with our homework programme. This year we are using Reading Eggs and Mathletics, two online programmes to support our learning. The benefit of using these is that teachers can tailor a learning programme for your child. Teachers will send your child's log in details home in the next couple of weeks. We are trying to keep homework simple and user friendly. We know how hard it can be to fit things in, so if you ever just have "one of those weeks", feel free to write a note in your child's home learning book.

We are asking the children to:

Achieve at least 500 points on Mathletics each week. Colour in a simple graph to show. (This does not all have to be done at home, and students will have some opportunities in class time as well. Being self motivated and completing more than the minimum is encouraged!)

Read for 15 minutes each night and fill in the reading log. Some students reading above Gold level will not receive a book each night. If your child does not come home with a book it is expected they read something of their own choice. Part of the reading standard calls on students to self select appropriate material and read for a sustained amount of time.

Complete one of the challenges on the Reading Eggs list each week.

Practice their Essential Spelling List, either by using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method, or by playing games on Spelling City. The links and lists are available on our team website.

There will also be home learning challenges to complete. For more information about the Home Learning Challenges please visit the HB4, 5 and 6 weebly: <http://hb456.weebly.com>.

If you do not have access to a computer, please let us know so that we can help your child use our computers before school, or in class time.

There is a mathletics app available for tablets. This does not have all the functionality of the online version, but is good too. Use the same user name and password. You can also use Reading Eggs on a tablet. Use your browser and sign in to access.

Please do not hesitate to come in and see us with any questions. We are hoping this homework programme will be manageable, purposeful and motivating for the students. Any feedback or ideas are welcomed.

A typical week might look like:

Monday - achieve 250 points on Mathletics, 15 mins reading.

Tuesday - complete Reading Eggs task, 15 mins reading

Wednesday - achieve 250 points on Mathletics, 15 mins reading.

Thursday - practice spelling words on Spelling City, 15 minutes reading

Friday - return Home Learning book to school.

With thanks,

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