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Play, Learn and Grow...Together!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Home Learning Reminder

As we begin the new academic year, we wanted to remind families about our approach to home learning.

We keep home learning simple and manageable, focusing on short, regular practice of the key skills that make the biggest difference to children's learning.

For children in Reception, the most important thing at home is to enjoy books and stories together. Sharing stories, talking about the pictures and what is happening, and developing a love of books all provide an important foundation for learning to read. As children begin to bring home their phonics reading books, we also ask that these are read regularly at home to help children practise and consolidate the sounds and words they are learning in school.

For children in Years 1–6, we ask them to regularly practise:

- **Reading** – to develop fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.
- **Spellings** – practising weekly spellings helps children remember and apply spelling patterns in their writing.
- **Times Table Rock Stars / NumBots** – Year 1 children use NumBots, with children from Year 2 onwards using Times Table Rock Stars to develop number and multiplication fluency. Children's login details will be sent home this week.

Little and often really does make a difference. Just 10 minutes of regular practice can have a significant impact on children's confidence and progress.

Our weekly TTRS/NumBots class competitions will also continue this year, with children receiving Team Points for taking part and the winning class in each year group receiving the weekly trophy.

While we know children enjoy the competitive element of TTRS and NumBots, please remember that regular reading and practising weekly spellings at home are just as important.

Thank you for your continued support in helping children establish these positive learning habits.

Karl Hopkinson



Headteacher