

HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and Achieving Together

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS AND CARERS ONLY <u>Please ensure you read your child's relevant year group letter.</u>

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child will continue to receive homework this academic year, which will enhance and reinforce their learning in class. We are continuing to use the same engaging online resources as last year, and the successful addition of Google Classrooms that were used during lockdown. We appreciate your patience as we launch homework and we welcome your feedback.

Children have received log-in details for the different websites, and you will receive via email, a letter that gives you further details about how to access and use the 'Bug Club' website.

Year 6 Current Homework

- Children should be reading at home *at least five times a week*. They should be using reading prompts to write one comment in their online reading diary each week, based on the domains that are listed in the Google Classroom, and log times that they have read. Their reading diary will now be completed online via their Google Classroom. The reading diary should have a minimum of five entries each week (one of which is a more detailed comment) that have been completed by your child. An adult from home needs to check that this is happening on a weekly basis.
- The Bug Club website offers a range of texts to read and can be used as often as you wish. However, our recommendation is for *at least 1 book every 3 weeks*. Please also note that Bug Club reads can only be counted as **one** of your five reads a week.
- Each week, maths tasks will be set on the MyMaths website, along with a comprehension task and a SPAG task. These will go out on **Monday** and will be due in on the following **Monday morning**. In the Spring term the children will receive CGP study books to support their learning further.
- The children will be set a spelling task each week on Spelling Shed which is linked to the spelling rule they have been learning in their weekly RWI spelling lessons.
- TTRockStars is a *useful and fun tool* for your child to practise their times tables and they are expected to access each site at least once a week.
- Occasionally, pupils in year 3 to year 6 will be set project-based homework to support their learning in class. These tasks are often designed to encourage children to develop independent learning skills. For example they may be asked to research information on a topic or to prepare a presentation for the rest of the class. This homework may be set for a longer period (e.g. two weeks, over a half-term) to enable children to explore their learning more fully. Expectations for project-based tasks will be communicated clearly to pupils and parents/carers. This work may be set via the class Google Classroom.

All children will be given their log-in details for each website to bring home. If you need any further clarification or you would like support in accessing online facilities, please email or phone the school office, so we can support.

When will homework begin?

The first homework will be sent out on the week beginning Monday 20th September. The children have already been given an opportunity in class to logon to the learning platforms mentioned above. Please refer to their Google Classroom and bookmark for the relevant passwords. All homework will be set on a Monday and must be handed in the following Monday.

A home learning jotter will be sent out by Monday 27th September. This does not need to come back to school, but is to promote children to practise their spellings, times tables, number bonds, maths calculations, sentence writing etc. This will support and aid their home learning online.

Overview of Time Allocation

As a school, we recommend that children spend the following allocated time when completing homework. These time allocations are the total allocation over the course of a week, and therefore include any time spent on regular reading or learning of spellings or number facts.

Nursery and Reception: Up to 30 – 45 minutes per week. Year 1 and Year 2: Up to 1 hour Year 3 and Year 4: Up to 1 ½ hours per week Year 5 and Year 6: Up to 2 hours per week

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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Ms Chloe Devlin Year 6 Year Group Leader