



## HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning and Achieving Together*

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 1 PARENTS AND CARERS ONLY

**Please ensure you read your child's relevant year group letter.**

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 will receive log-in details for the different websites this week. This will be in their reading record. You will also receive via email, a letter that gives you further details about how to access and use the 'Bug Club' website.

#### **Year 1 Homework only**

- Children are expected to read *at least five times per week*. In Year 1, this includes children reading to an adult or could be an adult reading to their child. Please use the reading diary to record this. The adult with whom the child reads at home needs to sign the reading diary five times a week. On at least one occasion, they should make a brief comment (e.g. number of pages read, whether your child is enjoying the book, whether your child found any particular words challenging. Please refer to the reading domains listed in the front cover of the reading diary). **The reading diary should be signed by an adult at home a minimum of five times a week.**
- 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 *1 book each week*. Please also note that Bug Club reads can only be counted as **one** of your five reads a week.
- Maths homework will be set on the MyMaths website on **Monday afternoons** and will be due the following **Monday morning**. This work will enhance work that has been completed in class.
- Spellings are sent by the class teachers on a **Monday** and children are tested on the following **Monday**. The words contain the sounds that have been taught in your child's phonics group that week. These will be on a practice sheet that should be kept at home.
- Occasionally, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be set additional project-based homework which is linked to their learning in class. For example, they may be asked to speak to an adult in their family about the toys they played with when they were younger, or to research information to contribute to learning in class. This homework may be set for a longer period (e.g. two weeks, over a half-term) to give children

time to explore their learning more fully. Expectations for project-based tasks will be communicated clearly to pupils and parents/carers.

### **When will homework begin?**

The first homework will be sent out on Week Monday 27th September. The children will be given an opportunity in class during the week of the 20th September to logon to the learning platforms mentioned above. Please refer to their reading diaries and Google Classroom 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,



Ms Sabrina Kelly  
Head of School