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Weekly home learning – Years 2-6

Dear parents/carers,

In September this year we made the decision as a school to use Purple Mash as a tool for home learning from Years 2-5 rather than sending home folders as we have done in previous years. In addition to this we have also been sending home the weekly spelling lists for the children to practise at home following the rule they have been learning in class.

Home Learning

Following the successful implementation of Google Classroom as a tool to support with our blended learning offer, we have taken the decision to use this also as a means for sharing weekly home learning. This will still be in the form of a Maths and English learning task focused around reinforcing the learning that has been happening in class that week. This will be saved in a folder called 'Weekly home learning' followed by the date set and will continue to be set on a Thursday to be completed by the following Tuesday. This could be a link to an activity on Purple Mash or a document for children to complete directly in Google Classroom. If this is the case, when the activity is complete the children can click 'Turn in' to inform their teacher that they are ready to share this. The log in for Google Classroom is in your child's Reading Record/Planner.

Spelling

This term we have also introduced the Read Write Inc. Spelling Programme to support with our teaching of spelling from Years 2-6. This is an interactive programme which teaches spellings in a fun and engaging way in short daily sessions focused around a different spelling rule each week. In class, the children will use workbooks which allow them to complete a range of activities focused on the spelling rule for that week. Children will also have a log book to give them ownership over their spellings and further consolidation at home of spellings that they have found more challenging.

Log books will be kept in children's book bags and are important in helping them to practise the spellings/rules that they need to learn from each unit. Each unit explains the rules and gives handy tips and rhymes for remembering these. During the week the children will log the spellings they found tricky to practise at home linked to their weekly spelling rule. At the beginning of the next week they will do a 'speed spell' which will assess their ability to spell words with the previous week's spelling pattern correctly. These will not necessarily be the words that your child has written in their log book but will follow the rule that they were learning the previous week. This will enable children to learn, understand and apply a spelling rule rather than a list of spellings. Again, they will log any words that were misspelt from this activity to continue to practise at home. This means that the spellings that are in a child's log book are personalised to them. It is important that these come into school with your child every day so that these can be updated.

When practising spellings at home from children's log books the same strategies that were used in the previous spelling home learning activity can be used and are explained below:

- Copy and Say the Word - Say the word, copy the word, say the letters of the word
- Count Letters - Count the number of letters in the word, say them individually
- Count Syllables - Say the word, clap the syllables
- Is it similar to another word?



- There is another word inside it (i.e. piece has a 'pie' in it)
- Mnemonic (because - Big Elephants Can Always Understand Small Elephants)
- Origin of the word/Root word
- Common letter string (-ight, -ough)
- Sound/rhymes
- Write which parts of the word might be difficult to remember. Think about letters that are
 - Silent
 - Double
 - 2 vowels
- Skip/jump/bounce a ball saying the letters of the word.
- Write the word with your finger on different surfaces.


From tomorrow, Thursday 12th November, Children in Years 2-5 will receive a piece of Maths and English home learning via Google Classroom which will be due the following Tuesday. On Monday 16th November, they will receive their Read Write Inc. spelling log book which will contain the rule they are focusing on that week and any spellings that they have found tricky in their daily spelling sessions. Children in Year 6 will continue to be set their home learning from their CGP revision guides and will also receive their Log Books on Monday 16th November.

If you have any questions or would like further information please email your child's class teacher via office.riverbridge@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Yours sincerely,



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