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Dear Parents,

Isis Class homework, November 2020

The children in Isis Class have returned to school refreshed and ready to learn after the half term break. As promised in our homework letter last month, we are writing to you again to update you on our homework expectations for this half term. We started the year with a gradual reintroduction to homework, but we now feel that the children are ready to take on the volume of homework that we would usually set in Isis Class.

Homework menu

This week, children will be bringing a homework “menu” setting out their home learning for this half term.

The “must haves” are times table practice, reading and spelling practice, which are explained in more detail below.

Children should then choose activities to complete from the “mains” or “desserts” menu. These are creative or literacy activities, based on our class topic: mountains and volcanoes. The “spice level” of each activity suggests the level of challenge it offers. Children should complete a **minimum of 6 chillis!** At the end of term, we will ask children to bring their work into school for a class celebration – more details on this to follow!

Times tables

The children have made a good start on using the TT Rockstars website 3 times per week, but we are now going to make this activity slightly more structured. We are setting three sessions per week for children to complete. Each session involves playing **for six minutes on Garage** (for example, children could do two 3-minute games or six 1-minute games). Once six minutes of Garage games is complete, the child’s score is sent to the teacher.

TT Rockstars sessions of 6 minutes on Garage will be set:

- From Friday afternoon until Monday morning
- From Monday afternoon until Wednesday morning
- From Wednesday afternoon until Friday morning
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Children will need to log in to TT Rockstars at some point during each of these times to in order to complete all three sessions over the week. Login details are in your child’s orange homework book. We will check the children’s scores on Fridays to see how they have done.

Reading

Regular reading is so important for children’s learning across the curriculum. Thank you for continuing to support your child in reading for at least **15 minutes per day**. Please record your child’s home reading in their home/school reading diary. We check the children’s diaries throughout the week to see how they are getting on.

Children should bring their school reading book and diary into school every day.

Spellings

On Fridays, your child will continue bring home, **in their homework book, a list of 10 words to learn for a test on the following Friday**, based on the spelling rule that they will be learning in class. We have really enjoyed seeing children's spelling practice in their homework book, using the suggested activities – keep up the good work! We will also continue to set the half-termly list of words from the **National Curriculum Year 3-4 statutory spellings**. Once every half term, we will test children on these statutory spellings, so we ask you to help your child **practise a few of them each week**.

Children will need their homework book in school every Friday.

As always, please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for all the support that you give with your child's learning.

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Isis Class Teachers