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Dear Parents,

Thames Class Homework - October 2020

I have been very impressed with the way in which the children have transitioned back into school after such an unusual summer term. Thames Class now seem ready to take on more home learning, and I write to you now to let you know what I will be asking children to do at home each week until the October half term break.

Reading

Regular reading is so important for children's learning. As your child becomes a more confident reader they still really benefit from your support, both listening to them read aloud and asking them questions about what they have read. As a school, we ask that all children spend at least **20 minutes per day reading**. Your child has a personal homework diary where they can record what they have read and write a short sentence about what is happening in their book.

Diaries will usually be checked each Friday, however, it is essential for children to bring their diary and reading book into school every day.

Spellings

Each week in school we will focus on a different spelling rule and do some learning activities on it. Children have a spelling folder and each Friday will be set a new list of 10 words to learn. Please see the attached letter detailing Thames Spellings.

Children will need their spelling folder in school every Friday.

Times tables

Knowledge of the times tables (up to 12 x 12) helps children to be confident in many areas of maths. Children should practise using the website **TT Rockstars**, for **5-10 minutes at least 4 times per week** at home. Login details are in children's homework diaries.

Optional other websites

Your child's login details for Education City, Typing Club and Spelling Tutor are at the front of their homework diary. Year 6 are also able to access their BOFA accounts to practice arithmetic, maths reasoning and reading comprehension. I am not setting work on these websites at present but they are available in case children would like an extra activity to do at home.

I intend to introduce some more homework activities after half term, so will write to you again in a few weeks to update you. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's home learning, please do come and speak to me.

With my best wishes and many thanks for your continued support with your child's learning.

Heather Sparks
Thames Class Teacher