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Dear Parents/Carers,

Home Learning at SPCEDS

Home learning is a practical application of working in partnership with parents to provide the best possible education for the children. Fundamental to the success of any home learning will be the support and encouragement given at home with parents/carer's commitment to support their child's learning part of the expectations when sending their child to Spalding Parish Church of England Day School. For the Academic Year 2018-19 we have reviewed our current home learning in response to feedback from parents/carers.

Home learning will be set by Class Teachers to support in class work, reinforcing and consolidating the learning undertaken in school. As such the focus will be on applying skills taught over the course of a week, rather than new learning. Staff will be marking class based work, as per the school's policy, and planning for next steps in class, with home learning linked to this. As a school we believe staff need to concentrate their efforts in assessing school based learning, which includes marking as just one element of this, and using their time for this rather than learning at home which we believe is about parents/carers being involved in their child's learning. Consequently, whilst home learning activities may be reviewed in class, as part of the ongoing learning process, they will not all be formally marked.

Over the course of the year, home learning activities will include work such as number bonds, multiplication tables and spellings, sent home on a regular basis, other Maths activities as part of our home/school 'Maths Meander' and a library book and home reading book as part of our home/school 'Reading Ramble'. We hope you will continue to hear and/or encourage your child to read regularly at home throughout the whole year because we see it as an extremely important way of encouraging children's progress in reading and fostering the love of books.

Further activities will also be set through online programs subscribed to by the school to support the development of pupil's skills. All children at SPCEDS will have subscriptions to programs, in school and at home, and once activities are completed, feedback is given within the program. Parents can also sign up for an account online and features include a weekly report for each child sharing activities completed and outcomes. Pupils will have opportunities to access these in school, including lunchtime clubs; login details for your child can be found in their 'Maths Meander' and 'Reading Ramble' books so they can also access activities at home.

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Compassion, Trust, Friendship and Hope*

Points about home learning that we would ask you to note:

🏠 Home learning will be set as follows:

Y4 and Y5 - Thursday
Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y6 - Friday

- 🏠 All home learning should be completed in the relevant book unless stated otherwise, e.g. reading activities in the Reading Ramble.
- 🏠 Home learning will be available on the school website for the period it covers.
- 🏠 Home learning may be reviewed by the Class Teacher but will not be formally marked.
- 🏠 Home learning will not be set in the first and last weeks of term.

We hope you have found this information useful when supporting your child in home learning activities. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Class Teacher.

Yours sincerely,



Diane Mulley
Acting Head Teacher