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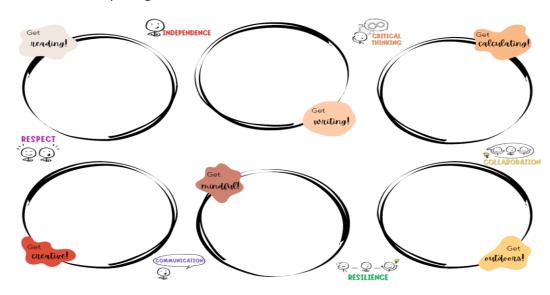
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Dear Parents and Carers.

I am writing to inform you that we have reviewed our school approach to homework and we will be making some changes. Homework is an area where parents, children and staff have different opinions, – we have researched the pros and cons of the various different ways that homework is used and why it is in place. We have created a new approach which is inline with our school vision and the Mayhill Habits.

The homework set will have a holistic approach, building on previous learning but will also give children the opportunity to take their learning forward and encourage them to try new challenges. Through this approach and with their family's support, we aim for the children to enjoy their home learning. We hope that homework will be something that all children are proud of and their achievements will be celebrated in school.

The homework will be sent home half termly as an A3 sheet (an electronic version will be emailed to all parents/carers too). It will look like the image below. In each circle there will be a task for your child to complete – a range of activities will be offered, some of which will have weblinks attached and in some cases guidance for yourselves so you can see how best to support your child. Please discuss the homework with your child and encourage them to attempt all aspects and maybe try something new. Children will have the half term (6 weeks) to complete the home work and can bring in tasks as they complete them. Verbal feedback will be given to the children and where possible, learning outcomes will be displayed and celebrated in school to show how valued their efforts are. Children will receive a certificate at the end of the half term for their completing the homework.









The children will have this new approach explained to them at school this week. They will also be told that there is still an expectation for them to: continue to read at home and record in their reading diaries; practise their times tables (Times Tables Rock Stars) and of course apply the focus spellings in their writing.

The senior leadership team will review this approach again at the end of the summer term.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support with this matter, if you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher who will of course help.

Kind regards

Mrs McGillivray

Headteacher



