



7th September 2018

Dear Parents

Homework

I hope your children have settled into their new classes and are enjoying the topics and work they have been introduced to during the first week back.

In addition to the work covered in class, pupils will be set homework designed to support ideas and skills learned. The tasks are designed to extend, enrich, accelerate, consolidate and practise these skills. Homework can take many forms and should enable parents to become positively involved in their child's work. Homework should also encourage the pupils to develop and nurture independence and organisational skills.

Homework should never be too onerous nor is it designed to create stress. For that reason, should you have any concerns about the tasks being set, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We also recognise that pupils have very busy lives outside of school, taking part in clubs and activities, and are therefore sometimes unable to complete work on a specific evening. For that reason the teachers will endeavour to set work with regular 'hand in' days or give several days for a one-off task.

Two such regular activities used throughout the school are the spelling tasks, 'Spellosaurus' and Timetables Rock Stars. A great deal of thought has gone into these activities and there is evidence to show that they have had a direct impact on the pupils' spelling and timetables.

Should you have any questions about your child's homework or classwork, please do not hesitate to chat with your class teacher. It is far better to have a conversation than have a child or parent worrying about what is expected. A copy of our full homework policy is on the school website, (<http://www.whitehill.herts.sch.uk/parent-info/policies>).

Yours sincerely,

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