

Dear Children and Parents

## HOMWORK EXPECTATIONS IN PIONEERS CLASS AUTUMN TERM 2023

### Reading for pleasure

One of the important ways to help your child progress in their school life is to continue to support your child to read EVERY SINGLE DAY: yes that does include the weekends.

*Reading allows us to be transported from our own world to another. Between the pages of a book, we can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about a culture entirely different from our own. We can also learn new words and phrases, experience a range of emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge.*

*The importance of reading for children cannot be underestimated. Reading for pleasure can benefit a child's education, social and cognitive development, their wellbeing, and their mental health. Because of its learning potential, the effects of reading on child development are vast and multiple studies have highlighted its benefits. As such, teachers and parents are in a great position to ensure reading is a key part of children's daily routine.*

Please support your child by ensuring that they read **everyday**. They do

have a reading record and I am happy for **any** book they are reading to be recorded.

I am more concerned that they read, than record laboriously page numbers.

## Homework expectations ; Spellings

The important message of working together in a home/school partnership and completing some work at home is great preparation for the demands of secondary school and is an expectation of working in Pioneers class. Please bear in mind that children are only in their school lessons for less than 5 hours a day.

Spelling homework will be given out on Thursdays and homework books will be handed in on Wednesday morning. If a Year 6 child does not hand in their homework book on a Wednesday morning they will have to repeat the homework at breaktime.

Spelling homework is as follows

1. Ten spellings to be **learnt and written out** using the

**Read, COVER, WRITE, CHECK,** procedure.

Spellings are given out on Thursdays for a **test** on Wednesdays.

Your child may also like to use the following strategies to learn their spellings....

**PYRAMID, Shape, Picture.** I am really happy when I see these strategies in homework books. Guidance on these strategies has been stuck in your child's homework book.

2. Ten spelling sentences, each one using one of the spelling words should be completed.
3. All sentences should be correctly punctuated. Spelling words should be underlined or highlighted.

*Maths homework and Half term-take home tasks homework may also be given out on a Thursday and should also be handed in on Wednesday of the following week.*

Thank you

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