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Dear Parent / Guardian,

We would like to introduce you to our new approach to setting homework. We are aware that homework is something which can be challenging for families to manage. Research shows effective homework is linked to greater parental engagement and support, we have therefore tried to include more opportunities for children to work with you on tasks.

We have looked at the questionnaires sent home to parents and those completed by the learners. On the whole, the response to the new approach to Homework was extremely positive. However, a few 'tweaks' are necessary!! In response to this we have included less activities and have included a 'pit-stop' week (week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> October) to share what has been completed so far. As you will see on the Clubs timetable emailed out this week, Mrs Lumsden will be in her classroom every Friday lunchtime with I pads should learners wish to complete some tasks with her.

**We would therefore like to encourage you to take an active role in choosing and completing tasks with your children.** You and your children are encouraged to develop your own ways of presenting ideas for example using Powerpoint, creating art work, visiting a museum and taking photos – the possibilities are endless! The new homework will be presented in half termly grids. Children will be given a printed copy and all grids can be found on the school website. Helpful website links to aid the research will also be on our website. Each grid is a wall of 2 rows. Each row is colour coded. Please find below an explanation of each row. In some grids, there may be opportunity for you and your child to add your own idea for a homework task.

1	<b>All tasks in this row need to be completed.</b> These are tasks that children should complete regularly. We suggest each task is completed at least 2 or 3 times a week. Some children will want to do more than this. Evidence of reading at home will still be seen in your child's reading record and evidence of completed RM maths tasks will be checked regularly by your child's teacher.
2	<b>At least 4 tasks in this row need to be completed by the half term break.</b> These tasks are linked to the topic your child is studying in school. These can be completed in your child's Homework book. Your child will be asked to bring what they have completed so far to school during the week beginning the 1 <sup>st</sup> October. Your child may also decide to complete an activity of their own – this would be wonderful!

We very much hope you and your children enjoy our revised approach to homework. We also hope that it provides some good opportunities for you to become involved in the learning that is taking place in school. **As always, we welcome your feedback, if you have any queries, please speak to your child's class teacher.**

Kind Regards,

Mrs C Foulkes  
Headteacher