



St. Edmund's

Church of England Primary School

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"Let your light shine."
(Matthew 5)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Homework Arrangements – Autumn Term

As a school, we are currently introducing a new approach to the teaching of mathematics. We want to ensure that any homework we provide is purposeful, manageable and, most importantly, closely aligned with the learning taking place in the classroom. While we embed this new approach, we have therefore made the decision to simplify our homework expectations.

For the time being, homework will focus on two key areas: reading and times tables. Children will be expected to practise their times tables regularly using Times Tables Rock Stars (TT Rock Stars). Developing quick and accurate recall of multiplication and division facts is an important foundation for mathematics, and regular practice at home will help children to build both fluency and confidence.

We also want to make times tables something that we celebrate as a school. Each Friday during our Celebration Worship, we will recognise children with TT Rock Stars certificates for effort and improvement, using the information tracked through TT Rock Stars. This means that our celebrations will not simply focus on who is the quickest or achieves the highest score. We want to recognise children who are practising regularly, persevering and making progress.

We are also planning a special Rockstar Day later in the year, giving us an opportunity to celebrate all things times tables across the school. More information about this will follow!

Reading will continue to be a central part of our homework expectations. In Key Stage 1, children will bring home their Read Write Inc. books and will have a reading contact book so that reading at home can be recorded. In Key Stage 2, children will bring home books through Accelerated Reader. Once they have finished a book, they will complete the corresponding Accelerated Reader quiz in school. As their reading and progress will be monitored through this system, Key Stage 2 children will not have a separate home reading contact book.

We recognise that this represents a change from previous homework arrangements. This is a considered decision while we ensure that our approach to homework complements, rather than conflicts with, the way mathematics is now being taught in school. We will continue to review this during the term and, once we have identified appropriate maths activities that reinforce classroom learning, these will be introduced alongside times tables practice.

Our aim is not to provide homework simply for the sake of providing it. We want the work children complete at home to be meaningful, accessible and genuinely supportive of their learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Regular reading and times tables practice at home really does make a significant difference to children's confidence, fluency and progress.

Yours sincerely,

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