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Home learning expectations

Dear parents / carers,

The purpose of this letter is to outline to you the expectations for home learning at Penbridge Junior School. Home learning should now be being set for years 4 – 6. To give year 3 children longer to get used to using Teams, their home learning will begin to be set during the week beginning 2nd October.

Home learning is an integral part of learning in school. At Penbridge we use home learning to support the children's retrieval of knowledge that they have previously learned in school. It is proven that if knowledge is recalled frequently, it is far more likely to transfer into long term memory and therefore be learned! Please support and encourage your child or children to complete their home learning – it is an essential part of their education.

Home learning will be set on Teams as assignments; your children will be shown how to use Teams at school. Children in years 4 – 6 should know their log in as they use it regularly in school and Microsoft Logins will be sent home with year 3. Home learning will be set as online quizzes in the 'assignments' tab on Teams. These are quick and easy to complete and your children should be able to do this independently as they relate directly to learning that has already taken place in school.

The weekly expectations are as follows:

Spelling – A quiz related to current spelling rule children are learning, or retrieval of past spellings they have learnt.

English – A quiz related to their current grammar learning or retrieval of past learning.

Maths – A quiz related to their current maths learning or retrieval of past learning. Children also need to regularly practise times tables using Times Tables Rockstars.

Reading – Children should aim to read daily, but at least 3 times a week. This needs to be recorded in their online reading record.

Times tables – Children should practise times tables regularly using suggested websites from their teacher and Timestables Rockstars. Especially in years 3 and 4, they need to practise everyday.

Once during the half term, there will be a Microsoft Forms quiz related to their topic learning.

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Three times a year, there will be a project set for your children to complete across the half term, linked to topic work or reading. Children will be asked to complete **one** activity and bring it in on a given date. There will be a range of types of activity (practical, written, ICT based, art) some longer, some shorter. Children may **choose** to complete more than one activity. These project ideas will be sent out with the topic overview for the half term.

Home learning will be set on a Thursday and is expected to be brought in on the following Tuesday. Projects will be set at the start of three half terms per year with a clear hand in date at the end of a half term. To allow children time to complete topic-based work, maths and grammar will not be set in the final two weeks of a half term; spelling will be set every week.

No home learning will be set over the school holidays as this is an important time to relax, recharge the batteries and spend time with the family. The only thing we would request over the holidays is that the children keep reading and practising times tables.

Please encourage your child to complete the home learning that is set and bring it in on time. Your help with home learning is always appreciated, but please don't do it for them!

If you have any questions about home learning, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

With best wishes

Mrs Karen Denton, Head of School

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