

# Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As those of you who managed to attend the Parent Forums will be aware, we are introducing a significant change in our homework system. Following feedback in the parent survey and extensive evaluation by staff, we have decided to discontinue using Doodle as a homework platform.

Along with the weekly expectations for reading, spelling and times tables, we are introducing homework quizzes and tasks for the foundation subjects. Each half term there will also be one reading comprehension activity, a maths calculation activity and an opportunity for reflection and discussion about recent learning. This will increase the opportunities children have to recall key learning in these subjects, therefore further embedding the learning in their long-term memory for future use.

The following is a guide as to how much time we expect for homework in each year group for each subject. We would appreciate feedback if the homework tasks we provide prove to be either too much or too little for your child.

## Homework expectations (Maths, xTables and English)

Year group	Weekly Task (mins)	Tables (mins)	Spellings (written activity-mins)	Reading
Y3 & Y4	20-25	10-15	10	5 x 10 minutes
Y5 & Y6	25-30	15-20	10	5 x 10-15 minutes

With regards to spellings, children will be expected to complete their written activity weekly and may be asked to complete the task during break time if not handed in.

The schedule for homework will generally follow the pattern set out in the table below and children will be given clear instructions about their task each week through Teams.

Week	Curriculum Homework Task
1	Reading Comprehension
2	Maths Calculations
3	History/ Geography Quiz or Task
4	Science Quiz or Task
5	Arts Quiz or Task
6	Games Week
7	Half Term Review

While this is intended to give you a guide to how the rota will work, the specific subjects will change every half term in order to cover each subject at least twice during the school year.

We are keeping our procedures with regards to homework if not completed on time using a tiered response e.g. missing one week, there will be a verbal warning from the class teacher that if this happens a second week, parents will be notified. If this happens for a third week, then there will be a homework detention to complete during one lunchtime, supervised by a member of staff. We hope you agree that this is more appropriate and please do keep in touch with your child's class teacher if there are any problems with completing any homework.

Yours faithfully,



Mr D Holland  
Head of School