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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reading and Homework are an important part of your child's learning and we, at St Andrew's Primary School, always strive to work in collaboration with yourselves to maintain this. We have therefore put together a summary for you of how these develop throughout Key Stage Two (Year 3 to Year 6).

Year 3 (Huntspill Class – Mrs Higham and Mrs Evans) – Reading – When your child has finished reading a book it should be placed in the green box in the classroom, it will then be changed by an adult. If your child is a 'free reader' they may have the book for a longer period if it is a more sustained read. On Friday Reading Record Books (The blue Reading Record and Homework Record) will be checked to ensure that your child is reading regularly and changing their books on a regular basis.

Your child will take part in a guided reading session (listened to reading and discussion/questioning) on a weekly basis, with either Mrs Burke or Mrs Evans. Your child will also be listened to reading regularly by either the Class Teacher and/or one of the Class Learning Support Assistants. For those less secure in their reading this will be at least once a week.

Homework - Your child has a Homework book in which to complete all homework tasks that are set. Your child has a list of the homework tasks in the front of their homework book and they are expected to complete one homework task from the list each week. This task is to be handed in on a Thursday. The tasks set are Maths, English or Topic based and are to build on, or reinforce, what your child has been studying in class. Your child will also have spellings to practise on a weekly basis, which will then be tested in class on a Thursday.

Year 4 (Somer Class – Miss Sadler) – Reading – In Somer Class, if your child is a 'free reader' they will read with an adult on a weekly basis, by either Miss Sadler or one of the Learning Support Assistants individually or in a guided reading session (listened to reading and discussion/questioning). If your child is not yet a 'free reader; they will be listened to more regularly, by either the Learning Support Assistant and/or the Class Teacher.

Reading will be recorded in your child's blue Reading and Homework diary and your child will be expected to change his/her own reading book at the suggested times throughout the school day. If your child is a free reader they can read books from home, school or the library, but their choices will be monitored to ensure they are challenging themselves and they continue to read a range of texts.

Each term there will be a different reading challenge to provide additional incentive and reward for pupils to read regularly. Please refer to the termly newsletters for details.

Homework – In Somer Class, homework is set every Friday and needs to be completed and handed in by the following Friday. There is a box in the classroom in which to put the completed homework books. Your child has a homework folder to transport homework to and from school. Homework will either link to English, Maths or topic work and may consist of a task on www.mymaths.co.uk. Please inform Miss Sadler if your child does not have access to the internet at home, so that she can arrange an opportunity for laptop access in class.

Your child will also receive weekly spellings each Wednesday, which need to be practised for the test the following Wednesday. The spelling sheets do not need to be handed in, but it is recommended that they are kept safely so that your child can practise for the end of half term spelling test.

Year 5 (Brue Class – Mrs Burke and Mrs Cook) – Reading - In Year 5 your child will take part in a guided reading session, with Mrs Phelps at least once a fortnight (listened to reading and discussion/questioning) and as an individual reader at least once a fortnight with the class Learning Support Assistant. Your child's reading is to be recorded in their blue Reading and Homework Record Book, including reading at home, guided reading sessions, listened to

reading and independent reading. If your child is in a support group they will also work with an Learning Support Assistant 4 times a week.

Homework - Homework in Year 5 is set on a Monday (to be handed back in completed on a Wednesday) and on a Friday (to be handed back in completed the following Monday). Homework is linked to Maths and English and sometimes Topic based work. Maths and English Homework is linked to what your child has been studying in class and is to reinforce or build on their learning. Your child's homework task will be stuck in to their homework books, giving clear instructions.

Your child will have a set of new spellings to practise on a weekly basis and these are recorded in their blue Reading and Homework Record Book. If your child has English groups with a Learning Support Assistant then they will also have a daily practise sheet for their spellings. Spellings will be tested every Friday.

Year 6 (Exe Class – Mrs Warner) – Reading - In Year 6 reading takes place on a daily basis and takes the form of independent, paired, group or guided reading in a range of lessons. There is also a weekly class guided reading comprehension focus. If your child is not yet fluent in their reading then they will be listened to reading, at least once a week, by the Learning Support Assistant in class. It is your child's responsibility to record their reading in their blue Reading and Homework Record Books and to change their reading material on a regular basis. If your child is receiving additional support from the Learning Support Assistant then they will receive guidance in changing their books and in choosing reading material appropriate to their level. In Year 6 we also have a weekly newspaper (First News) that is specially written for children and all children are encouraged to read this.

Your child also has an ongoing Reading Task File and it is their responsibility to keep up to date with these tasks. They have to complete a minimum of 20 reading tasks (from the list provided) by the end of the school year. I usually take these in on a half termly basis to check. Your child is to complete these tasks as ongoing homework tasks and they are given the opportunity in class several mornings each week to work on these during independent reading time.

Homework - Homework in Year 6 is set twice a week. Maths is set on a Monday and is due back in on a Wednesday and English is set on a Wednesday and due back in the following Monday. All homework set is linked to work we are covering in class and is to reinforce or build on learning. Your child will also receive spellings to practise – these will be given on a Friday to be tested the following Friday. All homework is to be recorded in your child's blue Reading and Homework Record Book and when homework is set your child is given time to record this in their book.

In all KS2 classes:

Your child has the opportunity for individual, paired and group reading during a range of lessons, including English, Science and Topic based lessons.

Your child is expected to have their blue Reading/Homework Diary in school every day. If, as a parent/carer you wish to communicate via the Reading and Homework Record Book then please make sure that your child is clear that it is their responsibility to hand this to the Class Teacher or Learning Support Assistant in order that the message is read that day.

Your child is also expected to regularly practise their times tables as part of their homework.

If your child forgets their homework on several occasions they will receive a 10 minute 'reminder' detention during morning break.

If you have any questions or seek further clarification please feel free to come in and speak to your child's Class Teacher.

Kind Regards

Mrs Tamar Warner (Class Teacher/Deputy Headteacher) and the KS2 Team