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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Supporting your child's learning at home - HOMEWORK**

You will know that the opening weeks of any school year involves teaching staff and children getting to know one another again. The beginning of this academic year is no different, but never before has there been so much to catch up on!

Easing pupils back into routines has gone very well, along with addressing any worries/issues that have arisen as a result of the current situation. We are also busy carefully assessing the children in order to ensure that our 'recovery plan' (to narrow any gaps created as a result of children being unable to attend school) meets the needs of all pupils.

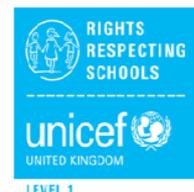
It will take a little time for class teachers to gain a full picture about every child's learning and progress, having had such a long disruption to schooling. We understand that parents and carers will be keen to receive information about their child and how to best support their learning moving forward. In response to this, our Parent Information Meetings have been brought forward to an earlier point in the academic year so that we can share and discuss your child's learning and progress.

In the meantime, we will continue to seek your support in all matters concerning your child(ren)'s education. We know that you will be keen to support your child's progress. Home-reading books and other homework will begin to be issued soon.

**Reading books** For children to make good progress in reading, it is vitally important that they read books that are at an appropriate reading level that corresponds with their own individual reading level. Assessing all pupils' reading levels takes some time and reading books will be issued once this assessment process is complete, from next week.

Reading remains one of our key areas for development across the school. Children will be able to choose from a selection of reading books to take home to read. When they are returned, books will be placed in a separate box, where they will be kept for three days (to quarantine) before being placed back in our library stock for other children choose from.

**Other homework** Other homework will be managed in the same manner. Homework books/materials will be returned and placed in separate box, where they will be kept for



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three days before being handled by only teaching staff and the pupil themselves (with hand hygiene measures in place) before being taken home again.

Please encourage your child to follow governmental guidance in relation to hand hygiene – washing hands before and after touching items from outside of your household. This should be applied when using reading/homework books.

**Homework timetable** Details of your child's homework timetable will be issued this week.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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