



Thursday 12th November 2020

Dear parents/carers

R.e. Homework: Year 1

Our focus for this half term is to establish a COVID-secure system for issuing homework across school. To help us achieve this, wherever possible, we will be moving the issuing of homework to online, using a range of applications which require a log in as well as assigning tasks via Microsoft Teams. Perry Hall believes that homework is an important part of the learning process for our children. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you and thank you in advance for your involvement in supporting your child with their homework activities.

The grid below provides you with an overview of the homework opportunities that are available to your child and how you will be able to access them:

| Homework | What is required? | Where will I find this? | Do I need a log in? |
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| Reading: school reading books (weekly) | Reading books will be sent home each Thursday and will need to be returned into school the following Monday . Once returned, these books will be placed in quarantine for a minimum of 72 hours (following COVID guidelines) before the books are returned into circulation. Please note, we will not be sending home reading diaries at this stage. <i>*If you have any school reading books at home, that were issued before school closure last academic year, please could these be returned back into school as soon as possible.</i> | Sent home each Thursday. Returned to school the following Monday. | No. |
| Spellings (weekly) | A weekly spelling task will be assigned to your child for them to complete. Tasks will be assigned on by a Friday and are to be completed by a Tuesday . | Microsoft Teams www.office.com Or Purple Mash. | Yes- see your child's personalised bookmark. |
| Mathematics (weekly) | A weekly arithmetic task will be assigned to your child for them to complete. Tasks will be assigned on by a Friday and are to be completed by a Tuesday . | Microsoft Teams www.office.com Or Purple Mash. | Yes- see your child's personalised bookmark. |



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| Topic Grid (half termly) | A range of engaging tasks, related to your child's topic and covering all curriculum areas, will be set each half term. Children can work through these and send evidence of their completed work to their year group email address. | Microsoft Teams www.office.com | Yes- see your child's personalised bookmark. |
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If you have not yet accessed your child's Microsoft Teams account, we have created a 'Parent's Guide to using Microsoft Teams for Homework' which will guide you through this process. This has also been sent to you today. We will also be sending home with your child a personalised bookmark for your child which contains all of the log in details that you will require. These will have been quarantined in school prior to them being sent home but also can be antibacterial wiped when you get them home as they are laminated. You will notice that there are log in details for MyOn on the bookmarks- this will be launched later in the year.

By allowing your child to access Microsoft Teams, you are agreeing to monitor their use of this account and understand that Teams, in particular the chat function, is to be used in regards to their learning only. It is not a social media platform nor a forum for children to chat/message their friends. Unnecessary emoji's should not be used.

Any families who do not have access to the internet to access the online homework, please inform the office as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements can be made.

If you have any concerns about the homework your child is receiving, or you are unsure about how best you can support your child's learning, the first point of contact must always be with your year group staff via phone or through the year group email address.

Thank you, once again, for your ongoing support in helping us to ensure that your child reaches their full potential. Homework will be issued from week beginning 16th November.

Yours sincerely

Miss R Kohli

Executive Headteacher.