



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear parents/carers

R.e. Homework: Reception

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:

<b>Homework</b>	<b>What is required?</b>	<b>Where will I find this?</b>	<b>Do I need a log in?</b>
<b>Reading: school reading books (weekly)</b>	Reading books will be sent home each <b>Thursday</b> and will need to be returned into school the following <b>Monday</b> . 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.	Sent home each Thursday. Returned to school the following Monday.	No
<b>Topic Grid (half termly)</b>	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 <a href="http://www.office.com">www.office.com</a> (Refer to parent/carer guide for help in accessing this).	Yes- your log in details will be sent home shortly.

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 their personalised log in details that you will require to log in. 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.

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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 16<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours sincerely

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