

'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Dear Parents /carers

As you may remember we undertook a review of our homework procedure at the end of the summer term 2018 after feedback from our parental questionnaire. Over the summer this has again been reviewed and as a result there are some small amendments. Please find attached a copy of our Homework Procedure for 2019/20.

Today your child will be bringing home (years 1-6) their new homework book complete with a learning sheet for Autumn a which will specify: spellings, times tables, takeaway homework and recommended reading . In addition you will also receive a copy of the Knowledge organiser for the current teaching theme and '101 things to do before you are 11'.

To aid with the learning of key spellings these have been identified on our new 'Autumn A' learning sheet which you will find glued inside your child's book as well as times tables/ division facts and recommended reading around the class current theme. All children learn differently and so therefore the homework journal should be used to suit the best learning style for your child. Some will like to repeatedly write out spellings and times tables whilst others may like to use some of the ideas in the attached 'Helping your child with spelling' document.

You will have noticed that this year we have also added recommended reading and knowledge organisers to our homework. Reading daily is an important part of learning. It not only supports the teaching of reading but enables us to gather facts, information and vocabulary which we can then use in our writing and during our topic sessions. The books which have been recommended may either be classic children's literature or linked with the current learning in class, they can either be read alone by the child or shared with an adult.

Knowledge organisers complement our connected approach to our curriculum at Bunbury. These have been developed by teachers to provide key facts, information and vocabulary which the children will be expected to learn and discuss within their topic sessions.

In an era when children's mental health and wellbeing is very much in the news and high on our school agenda the school council have produced the '101 things to do before you are 11' document. We strongly believe as a staff that alongside our basic skills homework children should be encouraged to take on board some of the tasks that have been selected.

As a school we see homework as something which should be purposeful, impact on learning and install independent work within our children. Therefore the tasks which we have set compliment what we are teaching in school and very much focus on basic skills.

Homework Journals need to be brought back into school week beginning Monday 21st October. During this week teachers will sign the sheet inside to see that homework has been completed and children will be praised for their efforts with stickers. A verbal comment will be made to all parents at parents evening as to the quality and frequency of homework completed during autumn term a.

Many thanks for your continued support

N M Badger
Principal

