

Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

A Church of England School



7th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Year 5! On behalf of the teachers and learning support staff we would like to say how excited we are to be working with you and your child. This letter contains the information you need to be fully informed about the expectations of the school, pupils and parents for children's homework activities. Working together will enable your child to make the best possible progress.

Homework

The children will be given mathematics and English homework **every Friday** which will be due in on the following **Wednesday**. All pupils have been provided with a homework book. Please help them to look after these. If your child is struggling with their homework, we would ask you to speak to their class teacher. Agree with your child a specific time to get homework done over the weekend. Please provide them with a pen or pencil and ruler so they can complete their homework. If the children do not complete their homework, they will lose social time. As parents, it is your responsibility to ensure that homework is completed by your children and handed in on time.

If homework has not been handed in we will put a sticker in your child's learning log to alert you.

Spellings and Arithmetic

On a Friday, the children will also be given weekly spellings and times tables to learn. Please encourage your child to practise these by using the look, say, cover, write, check method. It may also help them to try writing the words in sentences, and saying the times tables aloud.

We have found a fantastic website that your child can access at home to help them with their spelling: www.spellingframe.co.uk

Reading

We would also ask that you encourage your child to read for at least 10 minutes every night. Please then sign their learning log so that we know they have been reading. Good reading skills are essential for every subject. The more a child reads, the more progress they will make across the curriculum. All children will be issued with an 'Accelerated Reader' (AR) reading book which they can bring home. If your child does not bring a book home, please contact the teacher to discuss this.

We will also record the pupils AR reading test scores in their learning logs. If their scores are low (below 85%) this will show you that they are not reading their book carefully enough.

If you have any questions or concerns at any point, please make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

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