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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. At Seaburn Dene Primary School, we are committed to ensuring every child reaches their full potential, and we believe that learning does not stop when the school day ends. Homework, particularly reading, plays a vital role in reinforcing what children learn in school and fostering habits that are essential for lifelong success.

The Importance of Reading and Homework

Reading is one of the most important skills a child can develop. It opens doors to new knowledge, improves concentration, enhances vocabulary, and strengthens comprehension. More than just a subject, reading is a gateway to all areas of learning. Studies show that children who read regularly at home perform better in school, have greater confidence, and develop a love for learning that lasts a lifetime.

Homework extends classroom learning and allows children to practise skills they've been taught. It helps instil self-discipline, time management, and a sense of responsibility. By setting aside regular time for homework, we are forming the foundation for a habit of consistent practice, which is key to mastering any skill—whether it's reading/phonics (Read, Write Inc, Oxford Reading Buddy, Reading Plus) mathematics (TT Rockstars, Numbots) or other (Spelling Frame, SATS Companion etc.)

How You Can Support at Home

- Set a routine: Try to create a quiet and comfortable environment for your child to complete their homework, ideally at the same time each day.
- Encourage daily reading: Even 10-15 minutes of reading each day can make a huge difference. Encourage your child to read aloud, discuss the stories or information they are reading, and ask questions to engage their thinking.
- Be involved: Show interest in their work, check that they understand the tasks, and offer praise for their effort and perseverance.
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Our Commitment to You

We will ensure that homework tasks are meaningful, achievable, and reinforce the skills your child is learning at school. Our teachers are always available to offer guidance, so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about how to support your child's learning at home. Together, we can help our children build strong learning habits that will benefit them throughout their school years and beyond. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr John Howe
Headteacher

