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Oak Class Home Learning Expectations 2019-20

In Oak Class, Home Learning is set to develop and refine some important skills which will be useful in your learning journey. Short Home Learning tasks are set each day and due in the next day to help develop these skills. These skills include:

- *Independence*
- *Organisation*
- *Time management*
- *Taking responsibility for your own learning*
- *Practising key skills*

Each Home Learning task should take no more than 15-20 minutes; if you haven't managed to finish it in this time, ask a parent/guardian to write a quick note to explain why, particularly if you found some of it difficult. They are designed as short, sharp tasks and so I don't want you to worry about completing the entire task if it takes more than 15-20 minutes!

Sometimes different tasks will be set for different children or groups of children, depending on the skills they need to focus on (e.g. different spellings, reading groups, Year 6s nearer SATs etc) because everybody is at different points in their learning journey. However, the tasks set will be suitable for you and should be achievable in the 15-20 minutes as usual!

Each week, the timetable will usually follow this schedule:

Home Learning Timetable	
Monday	Times tables/Arithmetic
Tuesday	English (linked with class learning)
Wednesday	Maths (linked with class learning)
Thursday	Reading Comprehension

Reading Records: You are expected to also be reading *4-5 times* throughout the week and recording this in your Reading Record. Although in Year 5/6 you will mostly be reading independently, it is important that at least 1 of your reads is with an adult so you can discuss your book in more detail. If you read independently, you can write in your Record; if you read to an adult, the adult should write in your Record. Your Record should be brought into school every day and will be checked regularly to ensure you are reading enough at home.



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Each week, the Top Readers for that week will be selected to sit in the newly designed Reading Corner as a reward for excellent and consistent reading, so make sure you don't forget to record your reading!

Spelling Journals: Your Spelling Journal is a record of your spelling lists, your practice and your tests. Each week you will be given time in class to practise your spellings in each of the Write It, Use It, Practise It, Explore It sections of your journal. However, it is expected that you spend time learning your spellings at home too. You can add to the practice sections of your Spelling Journal or practise in another way; it's up to you! Your tests will be completed in your Journal every Friday. You can then share your results at home. ***One reason for having your Journal is that there will be rewards for using your spellings in your writing, so it's important to have your Journal in school every day to refer to when needed!***

Those of you new to Oak Class might think that this seems slightly daunting, but if you ask any Year 6s, you'll realise that once you get into the habit of it, the Home Learning tasks are both useful and very manageable!

If you or your parents/guardians have any questions about the Home Learning expectations, please come and speak to me as soon as possible! 😊