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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Refreshed Homework

Several of you have asked about homework and we can assure you we have not forgotten it. Our plan is to revitalise the manner in which homework is undertaken by our pupils and in doing so hope that the notion of homework will remain fresh and still enthuse our pupils to complete it.

Homework is always challenging for pupils to complete outside of school, but it is a highly rewarding and worthwhile experience for them. It allows pupils to improve their independence; it provides opportunities for parents to support and share in their child's learning and it extends the curriculum beyond the classroom.

This year, we have already introduced several new tasks for pupils and parents to engage with at home together. These being: the Super Readers, the Rainbow Spellings and Hit the Button Maths. Yesterday, we re-launched and sent home Homefield's Top 25 Life Skills also. We believe that in order for these to be embraced and embedded fully, time is needed to absorb and master them before we ask you to undertake something else, which is new. We can then use this time to ensure our new homework idea meets all the criteria we need.

We can tell you that the homework will be different half-termly projects linked to our curriculum subjects. There will be an overarching question and then each class will tailor their own question from this, based upon their own objectives within that subject. As an example, our main question may be:

GEOGRAPHY — HOW DIFFERENT ARE OTHER NON-EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO ENGLAND?

The Year 1 question stemming from this may then be: **Can you tell me all about a hot or cold place in the world?**

The pupils would then answer the question from their relevant class at their own level and as independently as possible. These will be mainly written projects, which can contain pictures, photos, diagrams or clippings. They need to be hand-written, well presented and neat. It can be organised in any manner the pupils wish. If pupils are unable to write then they may word-process their efforts, but this would need to be agreed with the class teachers. This new homework will begin after half-term. If you feel you would like your child to receive additional homework to support an area of the curriculum they may be finding challenging, please ask their class teacher, who will be happy to provide some supportive material for them to complete.





Homefield's Top 25 Life Skills

The Homefield Top 25 Life Skills passport that came home yesterday is something all pupils can fulfil as they journey through our school. We feel that these are essential talents and abilities, which all our children should be able to achieve by the time they depart to High School. I am sure lots of pupils do several of these skills already, so all we ask is that you work on them at home and, when ready, we invite you to bring in your efforts as evidence of your achievements.

This could be a picture of you swimming, a well worked piece of sewing or a small taster from a meal you prepared. You do not have to complete all twenty-five in one year, as you can work on these throughout your Homefield years. Staff also have a chart, which can be ticked once we see evidence of you doing the skill.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

