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Reception Optional Homework booklet

Dear Parents/Carers,

During parents evening we were excited to hear many parents expressing their child's interest in home learning. Lots of you shared how the children enjoy going home and writing on streams of paper to practice their writing skills, or completing sums and numbers. With this feedback, and opportunity to support this eagerness to learn, we have been considering ways in which to support this at home.

We have compiled a homework booklet that is **optional** for the children to complete. This will contain a range of work that can be completed independently. It will be sent home at the beginning of each term - starting in January - with **no expectation** to be completed by any set time. If your child wishes to engage with this and finishes the work, please send it back into school where we can stamp it and recognise their efforts. With this booklet we will send home flash cards with 'green words' (words that can be sounded out phonetically) and 'red words' (common exception words - that can't always be sounded out) to support them with their reading and writing skills. If children are exposed to these more frequently it will help with future spelling and reading pace.

It is important to express that this is **optional**, and that it should not replace the daily reading and mathematics that is set.

We are incredibly proud of all the children and their progress so far this year and we thank you for your continued support in your child's important start to their learning journey. As always we are available at the gate each morning and at pick up times to discuss any questions you may have.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K Ridley
Class Teacher