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## Dear Parents/Carers

With our homework throughout this year, we are responding to parent feedback and adjusting how children can access their homework. As we strive to become more environmentally friendly and prepare children in the top years of primary school for secondary school expectations, we have been setting the weekly maths and literacy homework on the school website.

Based on valuable conversations with parents and children, last term, we are continuing our journey with home learning in year 5/6. In the hope of making homework more manageable and effective, we are exploring an online tool called Seesaw, to share learning more efficiently between home and school. This should help to support children and parents at home through video tutorials and specific tasks, which will be set weekly ahead of the next weeks' learning as well as topic tasks.

Today, your child will be coming home with their introductory letter, which has their log-in and instructions for access to Seesaw on either a smart device or laptop. Every child has already experimented with Seesaw today, with great enthusiasm!

We understand that this may take a few weeks to explore and adjust to at home and school. Therefore, we will be providing homework time as part of the school day, over the next two weeks, in order to support the transition of this exciting new project. All year 5/6 teachers will also be available after school on **Monday** 8<sup>th</sup> **January from 3.15-3.45pm** for a workshop and to answer any questions.

We appreciate your support and feedback as we develop our homework- please bear with us as we get used to it too!

As previously, if you would prefer paper copies of the weekly newsletter, homework and spellings, please see your child's class teacher who will ensure your child receives paper copies.

Many thanks

Mrs Lavictoire, Miss Squire, Mr Whapham, Mrs Harding and Miss Yorke





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