**Homework**

Each week, children will complete homework linked to four key areas of learning:

-Reading

-Spelling

-Maths fluency (times tables) and

-Retrieval practice across the wider curriculum (which the children refer to as a ‘Memory Dive’)

This homework is designed to support children’s learning in school and the amount given depends on the children’s age and need, as outlined in the table below:

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| **Year Group**  **Approximate time per week** | **Reading Task / suggested time** | **Spelling Practice** | **Maths Fluency** | **Retrieval Task** |
| **Reception**  **1 hour** | Reading book daily | Little Wandle consolidation sheet | None | None |
| **Year 1**  **1 hour 15 minutes** | Reading book daily | Little Wandle consolidation sheet | Maths fluency task  (from the summer term) | None |
| **Year 2**  **1 hour 15 minutes** | Reading book daily | Spelling sheet | Times Table Rockstars | None  (Will be introduced in the summer term to support transition to Year 3) |
| **Year 3 – Year 5**  **1 hour and 30 minutes** | Reading book daily | Spelling sheet | Times Table Rockstars | Retrieval Task  (Memory Dive) |
| **Year 6**  **2 hours** | Children should be reading regularly  Reading SAT style questions | Spelling sheet  SPaG SAT style questions (after October half term) | Times Table Rockstars  (Optional)  Maths SAT style questions (after October half term) | Retrieval Task  (Memory Dive) |

**Reading and Spelling**

Reading and spelling will continue as in previous years. It is very important that children read regularly at home and practise their spellings to develop both fluency and comprehension.

**Maths Fluency**

In Years 2–6, children will continue practising their times tables using **Times Tables Rock Stars**, which supports our fluency scheme, **Number Sense**.

During the summer term, Year 1 children will complete a short task each week, designed to support their fluency scheme, called **Fluency Bee,** and help them build a strong foundation in number.

**Retrieval Practice (Memory Dive)**

Each week, children will receive a sheet with questions linked to a range of curriculum areas. This activity helps children retrieve previously learned knowledge — sometimes from the previous week, sometimes from much earlier in the year.

The aim is for children to recall this information independently, as the act of retrieval helps to transfer knowledge to their long-term memory. If they cannot remember, they are encouraged to research the answers. Time will be set aside each week for children to mark and discuss their work together.

**Year 6**

To help prepare Year 6 pupils for the transition to secondary school, we set slightly more homework. This includes a mix of SATs-style questions and retrieval tasks. To prepare children for this change, we will start the year with reading, spelling and retrieval homework and then build in further maths and SPAG practice after the October half term.

The day homework is due will vary for each year group and will be communicated when the homework is sent out.