

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Homework in the Juniors at Venerable Edward Morgan RC Primary School (VEM)

We have recently noticed a decline in the number of pupils completing their homework. We appreciate that many pupils have numerous activities after school and also recognise the importance of having time to play and socialise. However, we are firmly committed to encouraging our pupils to complete their homework for the benefit of their learning.

We want pupils to be given the opportunity to enhance their learning completed at VEM with these homework tasks and applications. They can give the pupils a chance to improve scores, learn time management and develop self-discipline.

Here are the weekly tasks: -

1. The most important homework we set at VEM is **reading**. Each week we encourage your child to choose a book from the VEM library to take home and enjoy.
2. We ask pupils to complete the **Lexia Core 5 Reading** programme for three twenty-minute sessions a week. This is a personalised reading programme with an excellent track record for improving pupil's reading skills.
3. **RM easi Maths** is to be completed for three ten-minute sessions a week. This covers a range of mathematical topics, allowing pupils to build up their mental fluency and develop their number experiences.
4. We also recommend pupils use the **J2Blast Section** on their **hwb account** for practising spellings and timetables. These should be practised for short but frequent sessions. Here, pupils can use the practise mode to build confidence or go live against others across the world to test their skills.

The timings above are recommendations. Some pupils prefer to set out one evening to complete all of their tasks, others like to do their homework each day before breakfast. This is something you, as a parent / carer, can greatly help with, assisting your child in finding what works for them.

Moving forwards: -

- Starting next week and every week, pupils who complete **Lexia Core 5** and **RM easi Maths** will be given a ticket to enter a termly prize draw
- Homework Club will begin on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June after half term and every Thursday after school, from home time until 4.30 pm. This will give pupils opportunity for access to devices and time to complete their homework
- We are issuing **Homework Trackers** to encourage pupils to set out a routine for completing their homework

Your support in these important matters would be really and greatly appreciated.

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