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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the new primary curriculum is now in place across the whole school, it is important that we continue to develop our learning and ensure that homework has the maximum impact required.

As a school we have decided to use "My Maths", an interactive online homework, for the development and securing of mathematical concepts. This will be used after the October half term.

Maths homework will be set weekly for years 5 and 6 and fortnightly for year 3 and 4, and will be differentiated for your child's needs. The children will log on to the main pages, enter their portal ID and see their weekly homework. A letter with these details will arrive shortly.

Each piece of home work will have a series of "lessons" attached to it to consolidate anything taught in school and to allow the children greater depth of understanding. Clicking on the "revise first" icon will access the lessons. It is recommended that the children look through these before starting their homework.

Children will then do a short homework task of 2 sets of problems or a game. This is marked instantly so the children can see any errors and, as parents, you can see how they have done. Working with your child, you can also see anything that has come up, and talk it through with them. Your child's teacher may set a target number of questions to complete correctly. The homework task can be done more than once to allow misconceptions to be addressed by the child and allow them to continue to practise and develop their confidence and speed.

My Maths is accessed through any PC internet browser with flash enabled and, using Puffin Academy- a free download, can be used on iPads as well. Instructions for this are on the My Maths homepage. Yateley secondary also use the system so when children go into year 7 they will already be familiar with the idea.

The fact that the tasks are differentiated and give instant feedback is of great benefit towards the shared learning experience homework can provide.



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In addition, to help with your child's learning times tables, their test books will also be sent home weekly after half term as parents have requested. This is so you can see how they did and know which tables they need continued practice with. The books will be sent home the day after your child's class has done their weekly test. Please would you remind them to return the book promptly to school once they have had the chance to share it with you.

I hope the children will become excited about the new homework system and that as parents you see the benefit of helping your children in a fun interactive way.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Chaplin
Maths Subject Leader

