



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome your children back to school - they have settled in so well! Our new pupils have made a great start to their Saltergate journey too, we are very proud of them all.

I wanted to let you know that after much consideration, we have made the decision to move away from formal homework and will instead be focusing on specific key tasks in certain year groups. Research shows that homework has very little impact and we receive a lot of feedback that it can be stressful for parents and children. This is particularly true for neurodiverse children, who make up a significant proportion of our schools. Of course, parents and children who want to do additional tasks at home can always do so, but there will be no expectation for this to happen.

The Key Tasks will be based on these areas:

Discovery Learning - Sharing and enjoying books
Reception and Year 1- Reading and Phonics
Year 2 - Reading, Phonics and Times Tables
Years 3, 4 and 5 - Reading and Times Tables
Y6 - Reading, Times Tables and Arithmetic, with SATs booster books

Teachers will share the key tasks with children each week and we do hope that this approach will prove useful and comfortable for everyone.

Kind Regards,

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