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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take a moment to discuss the importance of homework and our approach to it at St. Paul's.

Homework serves as an extension of the learning that takes place within the classroom. It is designed to reinforce and consolidate the skills and knowledge acquired during school hours. By completing homework assignments, your child has the opportunity to review and practice what they have learned, helping to solidify their understanding. This reinforcement of learning is essential in building a strong foundation for future academic success.

Next Monday, your child will come home with a Schofield&Sims Mental Arithmetic book. These books are aligned with National Curriculum expectations and provide an opportunity to revise key maths content for fluency purposes. We are asking that over the course of the week, your child completes one page that is assigned by their class teacher.

Alongside this, Spelling Shed activities will continue to be set. The spellings set are matched to our Read, Write Inc. scheme and enable the children to become familiar with spelling rules and phonetic sounds. A new spelling list will be set every week. The login codes for this can be found inside your child's contact book.

Times tables will continue to be a focus for your child. We are encouraging all children to access Times Table Rockstars. This is a fun and engaging way to practice and develop fluency with times tables. The login for this can also be found in your child's contact book.

On the weekly contact book insert, you will also see that we have added a section on times tables and spelling. These will be filled out by your children during lesson time. They will tell you the times table focus for the week and their score at the end of the week. They will also write down any spellings they get incorrect and this will provide you with an opportunity to see what words they could be practicing. Nobody else in the classroom will see this, but it should provide you with a little more insight into what is going well for your child and where improvements can be made.

If, for any reason, your child experiences difficulty with their homework or you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to their class teacher or myself.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Johnson Head of School