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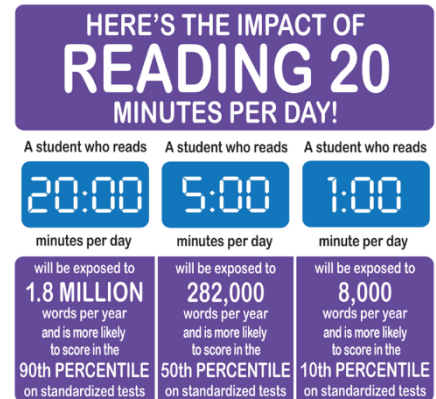
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Dear Parents,

Following on from the positive comments at our Parents' Evenings, I know you will continue to help us to help your children. It is essential that our children have every opportunity to catch up and consolidate their learning. Therefore, please can you encourage your children to not only complete their short homework activities, but also allow your child to access Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots. If a child completes these activities three or four times a week, for 10 to 15 minutes each time, this will have a huge impact on their rapid recall of number facts. This will help them establish a firm foundation of mathematical concepts. We also ask that they read a book for 10 – 15 minutes, either with an adult or independently at least three times a week.



In addition to the above, we are introducing an enrichment vocabulary programme. Every week the children will learn three new words and will delve deeper by examining the etymology, morphology, definition etc. Research shows that if a child has an enhanced vocabulary it will assist them throughout their life. We will text you these three words each week and I would appreciate you just taking time to ask the children about these words. Hopefully, the children will not only use these words in discussion, but in their writing.

As a school we have been focusing on retrieval practice, which is where children revisit their learning as they try and move their new knowledge from their short-term memory to their long-term memory. This will then help our children to access this knowledge quickly and with little effort as they learn new material. This in turn will allow the children to recall and learn more, which is what we are all after, so, homework is a vital part of recalling knowledge and placing this in their long term memory.

Yours sincerely

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