# The Purpose of Homework

Children typically retain only 50% of the information provided in class, and they need to apply that information in order to truly learn it. Whilst we do revisit learning in school, and use spaced retrieval strategies to support learning, additional practice at home is extremely beneficial. Homework also allows parents/ carers to be involved with children's learning.

In Year 6 homework prepares pupils to develop a "habit of studying" a vital part of moving to secondary school.

#### Additional Benefits

- Increases memory power
- Improves thinking skills
- Enhances concentration
- Promotes self-discipline
- Develops independent learning skills
- Prepares children for the next phase of education
- Creates a bridge between home and school

Year 6

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### Spelling

Every Monday a spelling pattern or rule is taught for a test on Friday. Children will be given 10 words in their spelling book to practice every day ready for a test on Friday. It is important that the spellings are copied accurately using Look, Cover, Spell, Check. There will also be activities related to the rule that must be completed. Please support your child by practising to spell words which use the pattern/rule.

## Reading

We ask that children read everyday at home, for at least 20 minutes. These reading sessions should be logged in your child's Reading Record. Your child's Reading Record should be in school every day as staff will write in them too.

Children's Reading Records are checked weekly. If they have managed their 3 reads the children receive a raffle ticket for our termly reading draw.

#### Maths

Every day children will have a chance to complete their **Crackin' Times Table** sheets to move to the next level. X and ÷ facts are included.

Tables and division facts that still need to be learnt will be returned to practice so they can progress to the next level. It is expected that children practise these at home, to increase recall and fluency.

Homework will be set on Thursdays using the Atom website

Times Table Rock Stars and timestables.co.uk have free, online resources, worksheets, and tests.