

Minutes from Parent Forum Meeting
Homework - 6th June @ 3.15pm

15 parents attended plus Mrs Bilner, Mr Bassett & Mrs Marshall (Miss Jones, Miss Kluge and Mrs Kite kindly provided childcare)

- Mrs Bilner explained that the staff had already had a discussion around homework in a recent staff meeting and that it should be a progression and continuation of what had been taught in class. There should be no 'teaching' element needed from parents, but a sharing of work and the children explaining what they need to do
- Parents would like to see homework from Reception class
- Progressive for each year group
- Progressive amount of time dependent upon age group
- Would like to see a mixture of web based and paper work sheets
- Abacus was unpopular with some parents, but it was agreed that if the children were able to access and complete the abacus activity independently, then this was a positive thing.
- Parents liked the idea of SATs club
- Parents would like to see some workbook based homework for Years 5/6 to prepare them for their SATs.
- Could teachers give the children an expectation of how much they need to read – particularly for the older children.
- Could homework be given consistently.
- Mrs Bilner explained the idea of an 'open-ended' homework task where the children would be able to complete this in any way they wanted but would need to fill 2 sides of an A4 piece of paper. This would have to be hand written and would be relevant to current topics in school; for example, 'Tell me about the Olympics' – children could research the ancient Olympics, modern Olympics, London 2012, Rio 2016 etc. They could use a mixture of both pictures and written work. The children would be required to complete the task in a homework book and would be given the time expectations (dependent upon age). This was received with a positive reaction from those that were at the meeting.

Meeting finished @ 4.00pm

