

Dear Pine Class parents,

I am writing to inform you of our homework intentions. As you know, continuing learning at home is hugely beneficial for children's development. Whilst homework is not a statutory requirement, we hope that you will agree what we have proposed is not onerous and should be a fun way to consolidate learning at home. You will notice that this is predominantly app based, **we will therefore be sending home the usernames and logins although there should be little change to these from previous years.**

### **Ed-Shed:**

Ed-Shed will predominantly be used to set spelling homework. This app works as a game where children can earn prizes (honey pots) which they can use to upgrade and decorate their avatar. Again this app is very user friendly and children will be able to practise their spellings whilst travelling and such. Spellings will be set weekly. Later on in the week children will complete a 'hot hive' after they have practiced at home. This should show the progression that children have made in their spelling. I would recommend 10 minutes daily if possible.

This app also has some other homework features such as times tables and number bonds. We will use these features as the need presents itself. Any Maths homework will show up in the assignments tab. I will predominantly be using this to consolidate mental arithmetic.

### **Mathletics:**

Mathletics is an app that allows children to consolidate learning and is broken down into objectives. These will be set weekly, and are visible in the assignments tab. I would recommend 10 minutes daily if possible.

### **Reading:**

Year 6 will begin to bring reading books home **this Friday**. We have invested heavily in developing our reading curriculum to continue giving our children the best start in education possible.

Home readers will go home once a week on a **Friday**, children will have the books for **one week** and must return them by the following **Thursday**. The books will alternate between fiction and non-fiction.

Additionally, we have recently invested in an app called 'Reading Plus' which allows children to complete short reading comprehensions, earn points and unlock personalisation features. There is a myriad of titles available, across a broad range of interests which should engage children. I would recommend 10 minutes daily if possible.

Thank you very much for your support, I hope that this approach to homework will be flexible for you. If there are any issues please let me know.