Dear Parents,

As we approach the start of another term, I thought it would be beneficial to share homework expectations and PE days, so it is fresh in everybody's minds. As children make their way through Upper KS2, we encourage a developed independence so it might be a good idea to share this with your children and decide on who is responsible for what in your family dynamic.

Below details the expectations for homework. I have been so impressed with the overall engagement with homework in Oak Class, especially with the handing in of CGP books. A few reminders:

- In Oak class, it is an expectation that children find time to change their own reading book. This can be done at the beginning of the day when they come into school or during break/ lunch time. Please encourage your children to do this themselves.

- There is a further emphasis on the use of TTRS in Year 5/6 as we are trying to prepare children for SATS, which happens in May. Times tables are an integral part of their arithmetic knowledge and it makes a huge difference if they are secure in these. It particularly makes a difference to their speed when answering both quickfire and written questions as it allows them more time for other steps. The more practice, the more confident your child will be!

Homework in Willow class		
What?	**When?**	**Expected or additional?**
Reading	X5 a week with an adult signing the reading record Stickers (1 for reading 3x, 2 for reading 5x)	Expected
Times Tables Rock Stars	45 minutes total a week Stickers	Expected
CGP Maths, Reading and Grammar x1 workout a week per 2 books (which books it is will rotate)	Set on a Friday to be handed in the following Thursday for marking Stickers (1 per book)	Expected

Oak Class will have Forest School this term instead of PE on a Monday afternoon and continue with PE on a Wednesday afternoon with Henry. For Forest School please ensure that children have suitable outdoor clothes and wellies (think Osmington Bay kit!) and also ensure children have the correct PE kit, with plain black tracksuit bottoms and/or top for the colder weather, if needed. A reminder also that long hair should be tied back in school and no jewellery/Smart watches should be worn so please ensure your child is able to remove or secure any jewellery they may be wearing.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do catch me after school or arrange an appointment with the office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Williams