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Dear Parents and Carers,

Primary Homework Expectations – Reception to Year 6

As we begin the new academic year, we would like to remind families of our expectations for homework across the Primary Phase.

At Atlantic Academy, we believe that homework should be purposeful, manageable and supportive of the learning taking place in school. It provides children with opportunities to practise key skills, develop positive learning habits and share their learning with their families.

Our most important homework expectation across the whole Primary Phase is daily reading. Little and often is the most effective way to develop confident, fluent and enthusiastic readers.

Please see the expectations for each year group below.

Reception

Every day:

- **10 minutes of reading** with an adult.

Weekly:

- A **phonics task** will be provided to support the sounds and phonics learning taking place in school.

Year 1

Every day:

- **10 minutes of reading** with an adult.

Weekly:

- **Spellings** will be issued for children to practise and recall.
- **Phonics practice** will be set to reinforce the sounds and graphemes being taught in school.

Year 2

Every day:

- **15 minutes of reading** with an adult. Children should also **quiz regularly using Accelerated Reader (AR)**.

Weekly:

- **Maths homework through Numbots**, helping children to develop fluency and confidence with number.
- A **spelling rule, pattern or common exception rule** will be provided for children to investigate and practise.

Years 3 and 4 – Lower Key Stage 2

Every day:

- **20 minutes of reading**.
- Children should also **quiz regularly using Accelerated Reader (AR)**.
- Reading minutes will be logged through Accelerated Reader.

Weekly:

- **Maths homework through Times Tables Rock Stars (TT Rock Stars)** to develop rapid recall and fluency of multiplication and division facts.
- A **spelling rule, pattern or common exception rule** will be provided for children to investigate and practise.

From **Year 3 onwards**, children also have the opportunity to work towards their **Gone Green Times Tables badges**. These badges celebrate children's progress and fluency in their times tables and encourage them to develop rapid recall of multiplication facts.

Years 5 and 6 – Upper Key Stage 2

Every day:

- **20 minutes of reading**.
- Children should **quiz regularly using Accelerated Reader (AR)**.
- Reading minutes will be logged through Accelerated Reader.

Weekly:

- A **Maths homework task** will be set based on previous learning.
- A **spelling rule, pattern or common exception rule** will be provided for children to investigate and practise.

Online Platform Login Details

For children accessing **Accelerated Reader, Numbots or Times Tables Rock Stars**, login cards will be provided by school.

Please keep your child's login card **safely in their bookbag or reading record**, so that it is readily available when they need to access their homework.

Termly Homework Projects

From **Year 1 to Year 6**, children will also be given a number of homework projects each term. These projects will link to their current curriculum topics and will provide children with opportunities to explore their learning creatively and independently.

Children will be given a choice of projects to complete, allowing them to select an activity that interests them and suits their strengths.

How Parents and Carers Can Help

Your support makes a significant difference to your child's learning. We ask that parents and carers:

- Encourage children to complete their daily reading and talk to them about what they have read.
- Support children in developing a regular homework routine.
- Check and sign reading records daily.
- Encourage children to complete their homework independently, while providing appropriate support when needed.
- Encourage regular practice of phonics, spellings and times tables.
- Praise effort, perseverance and progress rather than focusing solely on whether work is correct.
- Encourage children to take responsibility for remembering and completing their homework.

We recognise that family circumstances can vary and that there may occasionally be barriers to completing homework. If you are experiencing difficulties, please speak to your child's class teacher so that we can work together to support your child.

Reading Rewards

We are also continuing to celebrate children's reading achievements through our reading rewards:

- 🥉 **Bronze:** 250,000 words
- 🥈 **Silver:** 500,000 words
- 🥇 **Gold:** 1,000,000 words
- 🏆 **Platinum:** 2,000,000 words

We are incredibly proud of the reading culture we are continuing to develop across Atlantic Academy, and we encourage every family to make reading a regular and enjoyable part of daily life.

Maths Rewards

We are also continuing to celebrate children's achievements and progress in maths through our weekly maths rewards:

- ⭐ **TTR:** Certificates for our top players in the weekly Times Table Rock Stars battles
- 🚀 **Biggest Improvement:** Weekly certificates for the biggest improvement in accuracy on both Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots
- 🟢 **Gone Green:** Years 3 and 4 can earn certificates and badges for developing rapid recall of multiplication and division facts
- 🪨 **ROCK HERO:** The much sought-after badge for children in Year 3 and 4 who can recall **all their times tables within 1 second** over two consecutive weeks!

We love celebrating every kind of success in maths – from improving accuracy and achieving a personal best to becoming our next ROCK HERO! We hope these rewards encourage children to practise regularly, challenge themselves and take pride in their growing mathematical confidence.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop strong learning habits. By working together, we can ensure that homework remains a positive opportunity to practise, consolidate and celebrate learning.

Yours Faithfully

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