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Homework

Our vision at Croxby is to deliver a curriculum with a balance of knowledge and skills, which enables all of our children to achieve their full potential, academically, socially and emotionally. Ask our children what our school rules are, and they will tell you 'Work Hard and Be Nice'.

To help your children to embed the basic skills they need, we ask you to support us and your child's learning by encouraging them to complete homework linked to the basic skills of reading, spelling and maths. In addition, we encourage the skill of resilience and resourcefulness through our Graduate Award scheme which develops a thirst for learning and knowledge.

Below are details of our homework expectations. Each one should be completed a minimum of **3 times a week**. Completion of their homework links into the children achieving their Leading Learner badge at the end of each term.

Reading

Reading is at the heart of our curriculum, and we encourage children to choose books which they enjoy to read for pleasure from our libraries in the classrooms. You can read these books with them, or they can read them to you, but the main thing is they enjoy them!

In EYFS, Year 1 and 2, children have access to Bug Club Phonics ActiveLearn: Login. This is an online resource where children can access books to read that are specifically matched to their phonic ability. The books develop phonetic fluency through practise of previously taught sounds. Books will be allocated to the children each week for your child to practise reading with you. You will also see that there are green bugs on some pages where the children can click to answer comprehension questions which earns them coins to spend on the app! The EYFS team will send home your child's Bug Club login details once this is being used. (Bug Club site code mxtl)

<u>In Years 3 - 6</u>, children have access to Reading Plus <u>Reading Plus® Login</u>. This online reading resource ensures children read books at their correct reading age and reading speed. It is an adaptive program that improves fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, stamina, and motivation. Children love all the books they get to choose from and enjoy seeing their progress on their dashboard each time they complete a book. (Reading Plus site code is rpcroxb1)

Spelling

<u>In Years 1-6</u>, children are allocated their weekly spellings on Spelling Shed <u>EdShed</u>. These are 10 words which the children are investigating and learning about in their spelling lessons that week. The app can be accessed in 4 difficulty modes to help the children build their

confidence in spelling them independently. There are many extra spelling games that the children enjoy too.

Maths

Year 1 and 2 children have access to the Numbots app to develop their basic skills in number Numbots Game. NumBots is about every child achieving the "triple win" of understanding recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction, so that they move from counting to calculating. In NumBots' Story Mode, children move through 18 stages, completing levels within each stage. Children need to earn 2 or 3 stars in a game to pass it and unlock the next level. They will receive certificates in school when they complete each level.

In Years 2 - 6 children use Times Tables Rock Stars to become fluent at their times tables knowledge Times Tables Rock Stars. Times Tables Rockstars is a gamified, child friendly approach that takes the boredom out of learning times tables. Children are inspired to become 'rockstars' through fun yet structured daily practice. The rockstar theme makes learning times tables something inspiring, rather than boring. The programme also encourages celebration and excitement around times tables. Classes can track their rankings using leadership boards and individuals can see where they are ranked in the whole school! The same login details work for both Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars.

Year 6

In addition, Year 6 have access to SATs Bootcamp and will be set tasks by their teachers <u>SATs Boot Camp</u>. SATs bootcamp includes 50 revision days covering all Year 6 SATs topics (Maths, Reading and Grammar); 100+ engaging videos that break down each topic, and work through an example SATs question. Year 6 teachers will direct learners towards certain topics, but they are also free to revise and learn as they wish according to their own needs.

Graduate Awards

At Croxby, we strive to ensure that our children have a thirst for knowledge and an exceptional grasp of basic skills. To encourage scholarship and a love for learning, we introduced Graduate Awards in early 2019. This scheme allows children across all year groups to strive for success and **direct their own learning.**

Each week, teachers will select a few topics from our vast bank of resources; this choice will be related to their in-school learning or simply be an area of interest requested by the children. Pupils need to then revise for their Graduate **at home**, with your support as necessary, using the resources on our website. Every Friday, pupils will be given the opportunity to complete one quiz within school. Follow this link to find out more and to start studying Croxby Primary - Graduate Awards

All of this homework information can be found on our website in the homework section: Croxby Primary - Homework (All passwords can be requested via an email to the office should you need them sending again.)

Thank you for your support

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