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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank you for taking the time to respond to the maths homework questionnaire. It was lovely to see so many positive comments about the homework.

Number fact and Timestables

The majority of parents have responded positively about this homework, recognising the importance of learning these fundamental skills. Here at school, the teachers have also commented positively about the number facts and times tables homework. The children are now achieving more in class and are more confident as they are not spending too long trying to work out number bonds or times table facts. They are progressing more quickly to more demanding challenges.

Many parents of younger children commented on the format of the homework and finding it difficult to motivate the children to complete it. We will be looking at how to make it more engaging for Years 1 and 2 with more support in learning the facts before they practise.

We will also look into how we can give you feedback on your child's progress in their number fact or times table knowledge. This will need to be done in a sensitive way so as to keep the children motivated.

MyMaths

Currently we have about 60% up take on the MyMaths homework. From the questionnaires returned, many people have struggled to access activities on tablets or have issues with the website. With the low uptake and the issues, we have decided to discontinue MyMaths in the Summer term. It will be replaced with SumDog.

SumDog

This is a website based programme, which also has an app that can be downloaded from Google Play Store and the Apple App Store. To play all the activities, the children will need to download the SumDog app and the SumDog3D app. The website has full access.

SumDog initially runs a diagnostic programme while the child plays the games, adjusting the level of the questions, checking the child's understanding in all the National Curriculum areas from all year groups. This can take up to 4 hours to complete. Once the programme has identified the specific areas for the child to work on, it will automatically tailor the activities to support them. It is a game based homework, so will engage the children more and they won't even know they are learning!

Initially, the questions that the programme will ask are easier than the diagnostic record, but this is to build their confidence before challenging them.

Your child will receive their log in details this half term so they can access the programme over the Easter Holidays.

I am interested in any feedback, positive and constructive, that you have on SumDog.

Kind Regards

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