

*'Learning together, loving others, guided by God'*

**Heene Church of England (Aided) Primary School**

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Dear Parents / Carers,

### Home Learning Update

Following the responses to the parent / child questionnaire this time last year, an update to the policy and numerous staff discussions particularly regarding changes to requirements and needs of our pupils we have taken the decision to focus on key English and Maths skills with children's home learning from January 2019.

The Governors have discussed the revised policy with senior leaders and we've inserted some recommended timings to the grid within the policy to serve as a guide to you as parents. The listed activities will be an expectation for all children with optional tasks available for those who wish to go above and beyond.

A major push for this has been the changes to our maths teaching which Mrs Cannon is overseeing requiring the children to be fluent in the four operations of  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\times$ ,  $\div$ . We are launching the use of Times Tables Rockstars this week from Years 2-6 which I know the children are really excited about.

Reading and spellings are an essential part of any child's learning journey which I'm sure if you engage in conversation with Miss Atkinson she will wholeheartedly agree with. Years 5 and 6 have already made changes to their reading at home since September. I was only reading this week some facts about reading which included: →

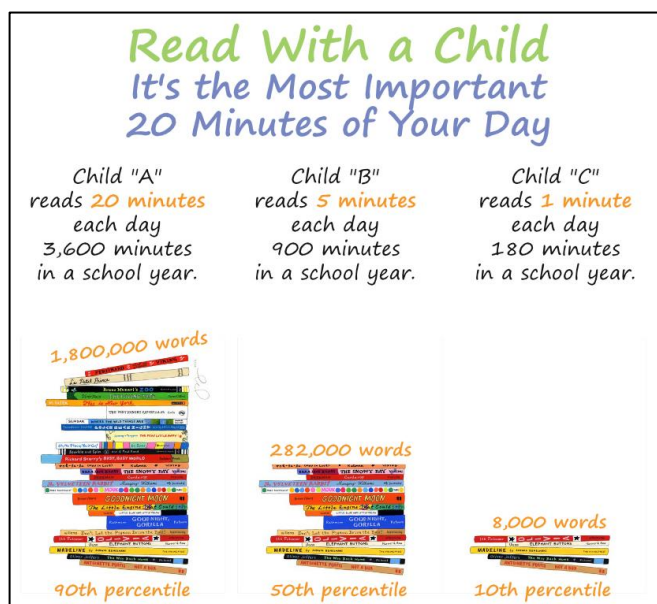
This will be a gradual change over the next few weeks with full implementation from January 2019.

To accompany the revised guidance we will put together 'How to...' guides for English / Maths. You may also get additional information from your child's year group.

During the Spring term we will welcome feedback at Parent Consultation Evenings and this will be taken into consideration when we review next year.

Thank you for your continued support.

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