



# Hollybrook Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your responses last term to our home learning questionnaire. After having reviewed your feedback, we have considered how to make home learning more effective in order to have an impact on your child's learning and therefore we have made some changes.

Home learning will still be set on a Thursday and returned to school on a Tuesday. All children will be provided with a home learning book into which they will stick their weekly task; tasks should be completed in the home learning book.

The weekly home learning tasks will be:

- Reading
- Spelling
- Written task

**Reading:** Each child will also receive a reading journal. Children should read for at least 20 minutes every day and their reading logged in the reading journal. There are also tasks to complete in the reading journal – one every fortnight.

**Spelling:** There will be a weekly spelling investigation, linked to the spelling rules. Children will be encouraged to learn to apply spellings in context and to investigate patterns and rules; they will not be tested on a list of spelling words.

**Written task:** The written task will be either Maths or Literacy focused and these will be alternated weekly. For example, one week the children will receive a Maths task, the next a Literacy task and so on. These will be closely linked to the objectives children will be learning in class.

Home learning activities will continue to be posted on our website on a Thursday evening.

We look forward to hearing your feedback about the new home learning over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Alderson  
Deputy Headteacher

