

Head of School: Mrs Helen Lammin (BSc Hons QTS)

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Communication Systems and Home Learning for the new school year

We regularly review our policies and practice at Ivy Lane with the intention of ensuring the best possible experience for our children and their families throughout their Ivy Lane journey.

This term we are going to make a change to our home learning expectations and how these are shared with you.

Reading

It has always been our aim to keep home learning manageable, enjoyable and focussed on embedding key skills that will support children in all their school-based learning. The highest priority for home learning has always been reading and this remains the case. We continue to request that all children read at home at least 5 times a week and that this is evidenced in your child's individual reading record.

Spelling

In addition to reading, we will be requesting that children spend some time each week practising their spellings from their current spelling passport/current spelling pattern taught in school and that they spend some time focussed on developing basic maths skills from their current passport.

All children in Year 1-6, will have a Spelling Shed login to access spelling activities – this will be found in your child's reading record. Spelling passports can also be viewed on our school website and words practised in a more traditional pencil and paper format.

Maths

All children in Year 1 and 2 will have a Numbots login and Year 3-6 Times Tables Rockstars login to support their number and times tables skills. Similarly, maths passports can also be viewed on our school website - where you will also find ideas about games and activities (both practical and online) to support the development of these skills (see information under the Our Learning tab). Children in Year 6 will also have arithmetic practise that will be shared with the children and after Christmas, the children will also complete activities in their SATs revision booklets. More information from the class teachers will follow nearer the time.

All logins needed for home learning, will be made available for use from week commencing 18th September.

The above will be our home learning expectation each week and we will therefore no longer share a detailed home learning sheet via Seesaw. This being the case, we have made the decision **not** to issue Seesaw logins for this school year.

To simplify communication, messages to parents will come to you via teachers2parents and or via email only. Messages from parents should be directed to school staff via our admin email (admin@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk) and these will always be passed on to the correct members of staff. Teaching staff are also always available for quick, simple exchanges of information at the beginning and end of the school day.

We hope you will find this simplification of home learning expectations helpful and that they will result in a greater focus on the skills that really do make a difference to school performance every day. We look forward to sharing your children's learning journey through our Open Classrooms (Term 1 and 6) and parents' evenings (Term 2 and 4). If you have any questions please do not hesitate, in the first instance, to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs H Lammin
Head of School

