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Dear Parents/ Carers,

CHANGES TO MATHS HOMEWORK

I am writing to inform you of a change to the school's maths homework. From January, we will no longer be subscribing to Mathletics or setting online maths homework. Instead, the children will receive a series of maths questions stuck into their homework books. The questions will follow a similar theme each week and will aid the children in the development of fluency (arithmetic and recall of facts), reasoning (the understanding of problems and explanation of maths), and problem solving. This will help to bring the maths homework in line with the classroom maths teaching practice.

Maths homework will no longer be used to consolidate maths learning from the week, but will instead help the children reach the 'mental maths' expectations of the primary curriculum. The questions they receive will build each week on learning and will occasionally repeat similar ideas to ensure the children are very confident in their mathematical understanding. What we hope is that this will then help the children in the classroom, allowing them to use their 'mental maths' knowledge to solve problems in an increasingly challenging curriculum.

As ever, when a new system is introduced, we are expecting there to be a few teething problems, but I am certain that you will support me and your child's class teacher by positively encouraging the changes with your child and speaking to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a fantastic Christmas and a very happy new year.

Kind regards,



Mr A Lee

Key Stage Two Phase Leader and Maths Subject Leader