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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year!

I would like to outline school Home Learning for the coming year. At Norwood, we have identified Home Learning priorities that will have the most impact on your child's achievement at school.

In order for your child to gain an advantage and make the most of their learning in school, we ask for your support in ensuring that your child:

- Reads for at least 10 minutes, five times per week (this can include the two sessions of Bedrock- please make sure any reading activity is written in the reading diary and signed)
- Practises the multiplication tables, and counting for their year group for 5 minutes, five times per week.
  - A booklet will be sent home to support you with this.
  - PiXL times table app <https://timestable.pixl.org.uk/Timestables.html> (Please approach your child's class teacher if your child cannot recall their login.)
- Complete two lessons of Bedrock Learning per week. **This is a new programme to school and further information will follow.**

Individual teachers may choose to send home additional learning where appropriate.

### **English- Reading Home Learning**

Research shows that children who read on a daily basis are more likely to achieve well in all areas of the curriculum and the best way to get better at reading, is to read lots!

In order to promote better reading choices, classes will visit the library for one hour per week, rather than simply visiting to change their books as and when required. During this session, children will learn about how to select an appropriate book for their interests and reading ability, identifying books/ authors that extend their current book choices and enjoy being in a library environment.

**In addition, the library will be open every morning from 8:30am for parents/carers to help children to choose a book or to change the book more often. Access to the library at this time is via the back of school, from the door opposite the school field, alongside the fence to the school garden.**

Reading Club will no longer be in effect. The vast majority of children are now in good reading habits and will continue to be rewarded with raffle ticket entries into the half-termly Waterstones Bookshop competition. Children will continue to receive a raffle ticket for reading five times per week and records will be checked on Fridays.

## **English- Bedrock Home Learning**

A child's vocabulary is the best indicator of academic progress in the primary years. The more words a child understands and uses, the more likely they are to succeed in all areas of the curriculum.

This academic year, we will be prioritising teaching and learning vocabulary each day through daily practise called 'Word Smash!' and have bought into a variety of external programmes to develop vocabulary knowledge across school. Bedrock Learning is an online learning tool where children complete 10-15 minute lessons exposing them to 5 words, 12 times in 6 different contexts. Bedrock can be completed on any device that can access the Internet e.g. a phone, tablet, x box, laptop. We are currently setting up log ins for this online programme and further information will be sent out next week.

**To support families who do not have access to the Internet, we will have laptops available for children to access with their parent/carer during the morning library opening time from 8:30am each day.**

## **Maths- Times Tables and Counting Home Learning**

Knowledge and quick recall of multiplication facts is crucial to children's ability to calculate as well as understanding wider mathematical concepts such as percentages, ratio and fractions.

You may be aware that the government will be implementing a times tables online test for all children in Year 4 from 2020 to highlight the importance of this knowledge in children's mathematical abilities.

The curriculum states the expectations for each year group:

<b>Year group</b>	<b>Count forwards and backwards in...</b>	<b>Recall multiplication and division facts for these tables:</b>
1	2, 5, 10	Not applicable
2	3, 10s from any number	2, 5, 10
3	4, 8, 50, 100	2, 3, <b>4</b> , 5, <b>8</b> , 10
4	6, 7, 9, 25, 1000	2, 3, 4, 5, <b>6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12</b>
5	<i>Maintain recall of the above</i>	<i>Maintain recall of the above</i>
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We believe wholeheartedly that these Home Learning requirements will have a positive impact on your child's learning and enable your child to be more successful at school. We also recognise that Home Learning can be stressful for parents/carers and have therefore our expectation of 'little and often' should enable children to complete the required tasks without it taking over the entire evening. If you have any questions regarding Home Learning, please see your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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