CARR JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

At Carr Junior School we have carefully reviewed our approach to homework to ensure that it is purposeful, manageable for families, and focused on the things that make the biggest difference to children's learning.

As a result, we have deliberately stripped homework back so that it now focuses on the absolute essentials: reading, times tables and spellings. These are the core foundations that support success across the whole curriculum, and regular practice at home has a significant impact on children's confidence and progress in school.

Our expectations for homework are as follows:

Reading
Children should read at home a minimum of three times each week. This should be recorded and signed in the school planner so that teachers can monitor reading and support where needed. Regular reading is one of the most important things a child can do to develop vocabulary, comprehension and a lifelong love of books.

Times Tables
Children should complete sessions on TT Rockstars each week to practise their multiplication and division facts. Fluency with times tables supports learning across many areas of mathematics and helps children feel more confident when tackling new concepts.

Spellings
Spellings will continue to be sent home each Friday. We ask that children practise these during the week so they are ready for their spelling check in school.

We know that family life is busy, which is why we have kept homework focused on these key areas. Short, regular practice in these three areas makes a real difference over time.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child build these important learning habits at home.

Kind regards,

Laura Winston
Head of School