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Dear Parents/Carers of Children in Years 1 - 6,

We are so excited to start another term of home learning! At Langshott, we believe it is important to reinforce core learning at home through daily reading, weekly spelling practice and maths tasks. We fully recognise how busy family life can be with extra-curricular clubs and activities, as well as parental work commitments. Therefore, we try not to overburden families with home learning tasks, but we do expect a commitment to the home learning outlined below.

### **Reading**

Daily reading is the single most important thing that you can do to support your child to academic success and improve their future life chances. We expect children to read at home daily and for this to be recorded in their reading logs (Years 1, 2, 3) or planners (Years 4, 5, 6). Children in Years 1 and 2 should continue to read their Rhino Readers books which are changed weekly. All children are able to borrow books from the classroom bookshelves and the school library, or your child may wish to choose from books they have at home too. Recording can be done by an adult, but is a great task for older children using planners to do independently. Try to develop a daily reading routine with your child, for example after school with a snack or snuggled up at bedtime so they enjoy the experience. Recorded reads will be checked at school and STARS points given.

### **Spelling Home Learning**

Spelling home learning is tailored to meet the needs of the children in each year group, with Spelling in Years 1 and 2 matching with the phonics sounds currently being taught in class and Spelling sheets for Years 3 to 6 mirroring what rules and patterns have been taught in Spelling lessons that week at school. Years 1 and 2 will get a list of spelling words to learn (which will be tested), whereas Years 3 to 6 will get a sheet of Spelling activities to complete (which will be checked at school).

Years 1 and 2	Spelling words set and tested weekly on Thursdays.
Years 3 to 6	Spelling home learning sheets set and checked on Thursdays. No formal test.

### **Maths Home Learning**

Maths home learning at Langshott is progressive throughout the Year groups, starting with Numbots in Year 1 which supports visual representations of numbers and develops basic mental calculation strategies, into Year 2 where children move from using Numbots to Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). Children in Years 3 and 4 continue to hone their times tables skills through the use of TTRS and children in Years 5 and 6 work on topic based online MyMaths tasks related to in class maths learning including reasoning style questions. (Years 5 and 6 may also continue to use TTRS too!) Teachers will monitor the completion of home learning maths activities.

Year 1	Numbots	20 minutes per week
Year 2	TTRS	20 minutes per week
Years 3 and 4	TTRS	20 minutes per week
Years 5 and 6	MyMaths	2 activities every 2 weeks
Years 5 and 6	TTRS (optional)	

For families who wish to 'go the extra mile' and support their child with extra home learning in core areas, CGP workbooks (Question Book bundles & 10 Minute Book bundles) are available to purchase via Scopay.

As well as supporting academic achievement, we like to provide opportunities for creativity in home learning too which is why we set a half termly, creative home learning sheet full of a choice of activities which link to topic learning at school. From listening to parental feedback, as well as feedback from the children, we know that these tasks are the firm favourites of home learning. We aim to ensure that through a variety of options, there is something to suit everyone, including activities that do not require any extra expense and are often part of everyday family life, such as going for a nature walk together or cooking a family meal.

Summer term dates for these tasks are as follows:

**Summer 1 Half Term Home Learning**

Home learning set: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Home learning due in: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

**Summer 2 Half Term Home Learning**

Home learning set: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Home learning due in: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Creative home learning tasks will be enjoyed, appreciated and celebrated in class and across year groups at the end of each half term. Children will be given feedback in a variety of ways; this will include verbal feedback, written feedback, having their learning shared with others and MarvellousMe badges. Some children may also receive a Headteacher's award!

Thank you for your continued support with home learning.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs Mackintosh". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Mrs Mackintosh