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Dear Y3/4 parents and carers,

We have recently reviewed our expectations for homework, taking into account the busy extra-curricular activities we know our children are taking part in and understanding the importance of these following the long periods of time children have not had these opportunities. With this in mind, we also want to provide the best possible education for our children and prepare them for higher expectations of homework later in their school careers. We hope you understand and support us in this delicate balance, and work with your child to support them to complete the following weekly tasks.

### **Reading**

Children are expected to read to an adult for at least 10 minutes, 5 times over a week. When your child reads, please enter a comment in their reading record to let us know how well they read.

It is important the children read their chosen reading book at home as often as possible, however any reading they do can be recorded in their diary. This may be reading a magazine, a book from the library, their own books or even the instructions for a board game; reading is reading.

Children can also access Read Theory online. This is an extremely good resource as it provides children with a different range of texts to those they would choose as their reading book, and it questions them with ability appropriate questions to check comprehension. This could be done as an alternative to reading the school reading book a couple of times a week. Please let us know if you need log in details.

### **Spelling**

This term the children will be receiving their spelling homework as a paper copy of the activities and words we would like them to complete. This will be sent home on a Friday and need to be returned to the teacher the following Friday. We appreciate that your child may like to hand them in sooner but would ask that you keep them at home so that they have a reminder of the words/spelling pattern they will be tested on. Our spelling tests will take place every Friday.

### **Maths**

At the end of Year 4 the children will take the government times tables test. Learning their times tables will help your child in all aspects of maths and is a life skill for the future. It is really important that they learn each of the times tables confidently in order to make the expected progress in school. We work on the times tables in school in our daily maths lesson and ask that this learning is revisited at home to help embed what is being taught. We use TTRockstars to support the learning of times tables and ask that the children use this online program for 15 minutes each week. Your child's teacher will set a series of activities to be completed prior to the children being given free

access and the opportunity to challenge their friends. The activities will be set every Friday and can be completed at any point during the week before the next activities are set.

In short, we expect your child to read at least 5 times a week, learn their spellings and complete the activities on TTRockstars. We hope that you agree this is an appropriate amount of homework for the children to complete over the week and will support us and them in ensuring it is done.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher or email the office at [office@horsford.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@horsford.norfolk.sch.uk) and your message will be passed on to them.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "TKirton". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted.

Tanya Kirton  
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