



# BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

At Banwell we place great importance on developing strong foundations in reading and mathematics, as these are the building blocks for success across all areas of learning. To support this, we would like to outline our homework expectations for this year.

## Reading – 5 times a week

We ask that all children read **at least five times a week** at home. Please record each reading session in your child's reading record. For our Year 6 children we expect them to read 5 times a week but rather than complete a reading log (although some children will still be required to do this) we expect them to be able to write an online padlet showing their comprehension of the text they have read. This will be issued each Thursday and due in by the following Thursday.

*Research shows that, "Children who read for pleasure make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than those who rarely read."* – OECD, 2011. Studies have also found that **reading just 20 minutes a day** exposes children to nearly **2 million words a year**, giving them a huge advantage in comprehension, creativity and knowledge.

By reading regularly with your child, you are not only building their academic skills but also nurturing a lifelong love of learning.

## Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots – 5 times a week

In addition to reading, we expect children to practise their maths fluency at home.

KS2 pupils (Year 3-6) should use **Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS)** at least **five times a week for 10 minutes**. Quick recall of multiplication and division facts is essential for success in maths.

KS1 pupils (Reception–Year 2) will use **Numbots**, which builds number sense, addition and subtraction fluency through fun and engaging activities.

Just **10 minutes of practice a day** has been shown to significantly improve fluency and reduce maths anxiety. Both platforms adapt to your child's level, ensuring personalised learning and steady progress.

We recognise that many of our children take part in clubs, sports, and hobbies outside of school, and we greatly value the skills, confidence, and enjoyment these experiences bring. For this reason, reading and maths fluency practice will



be the **only homework we set**, ensuring children still have plenty of time to pursue their interests and family life alongside building these essential learning habits.

If you have any questions regarding your child's reading or our TTRS/Numbots please see your child's teacher who is happy to help.

Mrs K Evans

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