

## Homework Phase One

Dear Parents/ Carers,

From this term, we are introducing a 'Takeaway Homework Menu' system in Reception. The rest of the school use this system and in order to prepare the children for year 1, we felt they would benefit from participating. Many schools at a local and national level have been using this system for some time and have found it to have many benefits - for example, children have more control of their learning and are consequently more motivated.

### **The Takeaway Homework Menu**

Today your child will have received their age and topic appropriate 'menu' for this half term. If they would like to they can complete a starter, main and a dessert to make a whole meal. This can be handed in whenever they like before 20th May. Evidence of the homework could be a note from you, a photograph, written work or something they have made. *If your child would like to do more, they can choose to complete more than one of each course.*

### **Extras**

#### Reading

Reading at home remains incredibly important, whether it is reading with your child (listening to them or reading to them) or allowing time for your child to read independently. There is an expectation set by the Department of Education that children read every day as part of homework. We support this and provide your child with an age appropriate reading book. In addition to this, your child can choose additional books from the huge selection in our school library and class libraries.

#### Out of school activities

You will also notice that we ask you to let us know about after school clubs, activities and visits outside of school. At Clifford Road Primary we value these highly as they provide further enrichment. Tell us about music & dance lessons, sports clubs (in and out of school), trips out, beavers, cubs, rainbows, brownies, boys brigade, church groups...this list is endless! You can let us know about any out of school activities by using the wow notes that have come home with the homework menu.

#### Basic skills

Each classroom will have a 'salad bar' which will support basic skills such as phonics, tricky words, number skills and handwriting. This is to help children who have a particular gap in their learning and would benefit from a little extra practise at home.

The children are very excited about the Takeaway Homework system. As always, we rely on your support for homework, so if you have any questions or queries, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

*Sally-Ann Roberts*

Phase 1 leader