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Dear Parents

I hope you have all had a lovely half term and your children have enjoyed their first few days back at school.

As mentioned in September, we are moving Maths homework online after an extensive trial period last academic year. The programme that we will be using is called MyMaths. By switching to MyMaths, we are aiming to give our children: a better homework experience; a more consistent approach to homework and immediate feedback about how well they have completed a task.

This will start on **Friday, 16 November 2018**. Maths homework will be set every Friday and expected to be completed by the following Wednesday.

Accompanying this letter, is a “Guidance for parents” letter generated by MyMaths. This will give you all the information you need to access your child’s homework.

Using MyMaths

To use MyMaths, you will need an Internet connection and an up-to-date web browser with inbuilt Flash, or a recent version of Flash installed on your computer.

MyMaths support all the major browsers such as Internet Explorer, Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox, but please make sure that your Chrome or Firefox browsers are up to date and that your Internet Explorer is version 9 or higher.

Most Android tablets and mobile devices should be able to access the website using the Chrome or Firefox browser apps (among others), but users of iPad and other non-Flash devices will need to use the free Puffin Academy app. A mobile flash browser.

Below is a link to show how to install Puffin Academy on Apple devices:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygAq0oTEwBI>



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Help and support

In an aim to be as inclusive as possible, I am offering a homework club to families who would be otherwise unable to complete the Maths homework tasks. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the office. The club will run on Friday afternoons 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm in Beech Class.

MyMaths has been used in schools for over 10 years is used by over 4 million children annually. Over this time, they have received a lot of questions from parents. Any helpful advice or support about using MyMaths can be found on their support site, linked below:

https://global.oup.com/education/product_support/mymaths/parent/?region=uk

Drop in sessions

As part of the transition to a new system, I will hold open drop-in sessions to help if you are having difficulties with the new system. These will take place from 8:30 am -9:00 am and 2:45pm - 3:15pm on Thursday, 15, 22 & 29 November in the ICT Room. Alternatively, your child's teacher will be able to help answer questions you may have.

Yours sincerely

Mr Light
Assistant Head