

## Parents' Forum Minutes

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

**7 parents attended the meeting.**

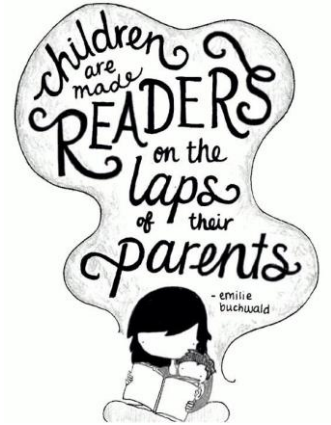
### **Actions from last meeting:**

Mrs Bridgman to share draft homework policy with all parents for their feedback.

Mrs Bridgman to share information about approach to supporting children's behaviour at the next meeting.

### **Homework Policy**

- Changes made to simplify homework and focus on what will make a difference. These changes are based on research. Children in Y1-6 are now expected to:
  - Read at home 5 times weekly
  - Practice spellings at home 5 times weekly
  - Mental maths at home 5 times weekly
  - Optional activities on curriculum letters and EYFS newsletter
- Mrs Bridgman shared examples of activities to support reading and maths at home. Please see below for more details.



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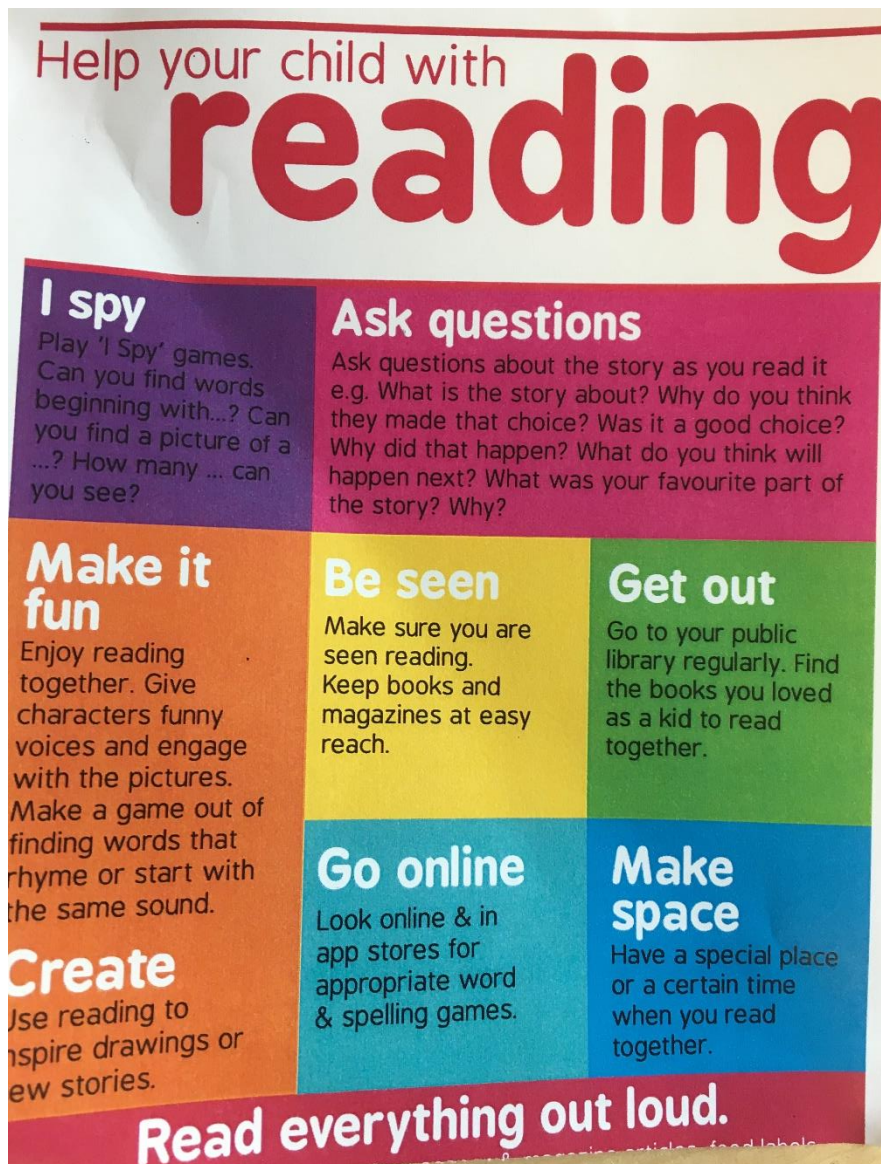
### **Reading Ideas**

Reading little and often is more effective than doing one long chunk each week. It is ok to read aloud to your child or listen to them read their school reading book.

**Reading With Your Child**

**Some questions to ask your child whilst reading together:**

1. Look at the front cover. What could the book be about?
2. Who is the author?
3. What is an illustrator? What do they do?
4. What does that word mean? Read the words around it to help you figure it out (context).
5. How can you read an unfamiliar word? Can you sound talk and then blend?
6. Who are the main characters?
7. What do you think will happen next?
8. How do you think that character feels? Why? How would you feel in that situation?
9. Can you predict how the book will end?
10. Who is your favourite character? Why?
11. Is there a hidden message in the story? What is it?
12. Can you retell the story in your own words?
13. Do you like how the story ended? Can you think of another way the book could have ended?



## Maths Ideas

- Use number cards (or playing cards) to play mental maths games.
- Turn over two cards and add to find the total (turn over 3, 4, 5 cards)
- Turn over two cards to make a 2-digit number – what do you add to it to make 100?
- Choose a times table that your child needs to practise – turn over each number card in a random order and ask your child to multiply it
- Make a times table grid for your child to complete. Choose numbers for the top row and left column that your child needs to practise. You can make the grid as big as needed.

X	3	5
3	9	15
2		
7		

