

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

**- Please keep for future reference**

### **Totara Team**

**Rooms 25, 26, 27, and 28**

#### Homework will include the following:

1. Reading a book, or selected pages from a book provided by the teacher, or selected independently by your child from his / her group box. This task should take 10-15 minutes. Parents are asked to sign and complete the book list, which is included in each child's Home-reader bag. Each Friday your child will bring home a Poetry book to share the current Focus poem.
2. Children are asked to prepare a brief item to share during our morning news programme. **The Weekly News Programme** is designed to encourage participation in a range of speaking opportunities. Children are also learning to listen to others and to ask relevant questions or make interesting statements.

#### **Monday**

Personal News – every child is encouraged to contribute in a small group about one thing they have done in the weekend. Each child will have a turn at reporting back to the class for their group.

#### **Tuesday**

Impromptu Speaking /Topic Card or a Picture / Photo Description. (These may be based on our topic.)

#### **Wednesday**

Current Events – a newspaper article or photo is useful – children should be able to retell and discuss the content of their item.

#### **Thursday**

Science/Technology News – a nature find, a simple experiment or construction that can be simply and clearly explained.

#### **Friday**

A Story Book from home to review, or a poem to recite and discuss.

The children are encouraged to also have an interactive conversation with you about the topic they are learning in topic time. For example in Term 1, 2010 based on I am a Historian, the topic title is A Tapestry of Time.

3. A spelling List will be introduced when your child's maturity and progress in writing indicates that he/she will cope with it. Please assist your child to practise learning the few words each night. Please tick the words, if known, sign the notebook and ensure that it is returned to school each Friday, when it is required for the weekly spelling test.
4. Learn selected basic facts given by the teacher,

Thank you for your assistance with your child's homework.

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Class Teachers