



## Notes from Parent Forum – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

19 parents attended the meeting.

Mrs Edmonds shared the results of the homework survey sent to parents/carers in March. It was positive to read that 61.7% of children read every day and 33.3% of children read 3-5 times a week. Parents shared that barriers to reading at home is tiredness when children have other after school commitments.

Parents were reminded that children do not need to read their school book every day but could also be reading library books and books from home.

Miss Paulding shared the following research about the million-word gap:



The group looked at some cards which gave different potential rationales for homework and discussed these in groups to put them in priority order. The group agreed that the primary reasons for giving homework at Harlington Lower should be to reinforce learning that has taken place in school and to practise skills learnt.

Mrs Edmonds suggested that going forward homework would consist of reading 5 times a week, weekly spellings and maths. There was a discussion around the maths homework and recognition that the basic skills grids had not worked for many families. There will be a letter sent to parents on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April explaining the maths homework for each year group.

Staff confirmed that there is no longer a subscription for children to use Reading Eggs. At the request of one of the parents, school will look at the maths games that they have and consider whether to re-introduce the maths games library for children in Year 2.

The group had no other business that they wanted to discuss.