

KS1 Homework Information

Please find below information regarding homework for children in year 1 and year 2. Homework is a valuable opportunity for children to reinforce and consolidate their skills and understanding and can also play an important part in helping to keep parents informed of the learning that goes on in classrooms.

The Y2 children will be bringing their new homework books home on Monday 23rd September.

Year 1 & 2

<u>Type of Homework</u>	<u>Date to be completed or tested</u>
Reading	As detailed in termly newsletter.
Spellings Y2 (Y1 spellings to begin later in the year)	Sent home on Monday. Completed spellings and sentences should be returned to school on the following Monday – a selection from the term's spellings will be tested at the end of each term.
Phonics Y1 and some Y2 children if needed.	Phonics tubs to be kept in book bags, phonics practice to accompany reading at home and at school.
Maths/English (Y1 homework to begin later in the year)	Each Monday the children will bring home one piece of homework in their homework books, this will be either English or Maths on alternate weeks.

Reading

Reading with your child is the most important way in which you can support your child's learning in Class 1, research shows that where parents take a lot of interest in their child's reading, progress is much greater and children are more likely to develop into keen readers. Ideally the children need to read at home at least 3 times each week and it is helpful if this is recorded in their reading records. It is also important to begin talking to your child about what is going on in a book or story. Asking questions such as;

Which character did you like best? Why?

Why do you think the King was upset at the end of the story?

What do you think will happen next?

All reading books will be checked and changed if needed each Tuesday and Thursday, however the children may also change their own reading books during quiet reading each day.

Spellings

For spelling homework, children will be learning from a core list of words given in the statutory English curriculum known as common exception words. Each week your child will have a small number of these spellings to learn to spell and to write into sentences. For information the complete list for your child's year group is attached. Rather than a weekly spelling test, a selection of the words set

during the term will be tested in school in the last week of each term. A record of each child's progress will be kept in school.

Phonics

Year 1 (and some Y2 children) children will continue to bring home their phonics tubs introduced during their reception year to reinforce this important early learning. At school we will practise these phonemes (sounds) as part of their regular reading and it would be beneficial if this could be reinforced at home.

English

English homework will be based on the learning the children have been doing in grammar or phonics. It may take the form of a worksheet, activity or sometimes an online game.

Maths

Every term each year group will focus on a set of key mathematical facts which they will aim to learn by heart; information on which facts your child will be learning will be sent home each term. These facts are known as key instant recall facts (kirf) Regular practice both at home and at school will help children develop a bank of facts which they can recall easily when solving problems or puzzles. Maths homework for the children in year 1 and year 2 will focus on supporting the learning of these facts as well as other important maths concepts. Year 1 children will bring home a key instant recall fact sheet from term 2 onwards.

We hope you find this information useful, if you have any questions regarding homework please come and talk to us.

Many thanks for your support

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