

## Homework

As we have previously explained the government introduced a new and more difficult curriculum for all of the children a few years ago. It is therefore vital that some of the activities that can be completed at home are done so regularly and more often. We ask you to try and complete the following activities with your children.

Your child should receive a Key Instant Recall fact card for them to try and complete each term. If achieved this will boost their development and understanding. All cards are available on the website.

By the end of year 4 the children are now expected to know the multiplication tables up to 12 x 12 and also know the division facts. For instance if they know  $8 \times 7 = 56$ , the children should also know that  $7 \times 8 = 56$ ,  $56/8 = 7$  and  $56/7 = 8$ . As part of their homework the children should be learning these facts daily.

We also have mathletics for every child in KS2 to use. It would be fabulous if they could complete at least an hour of maths activities online each week. Sometimes the children are assigned activities but at other times they could complete activities to link with what they are doing in class, they could do activities which link with work they find difficult or they could complete problem solving or Live mathletics activities. All of these would be extremely beneficial to your child. Your child should have their passwords in their homework book.

We ask you to read with your child daily, this should continue to the end of year 6 and should include lots of discussion. The children should be able to discuss what they have read and what they think about it, as well as answering some of the questions at the back of their homework book. They should not just read their school book; in fact it is very important that they read a huge range of reading material. It is essential that they read daily but also that they discover something that they love to read so that they want to read. Your child could try to complete the Book Bingo activities.

We also ask the children to learn spellings; these are often given to them each week. However, there are many things that crop up in school that means this sometimes doesn't happen or sometimes parents say that the spellings were easy that week, if this is the case, please get your child to learn other words. We ask children to learn spellings so they know how to spell more words, so the more you can do with them, the better. Please do not feel that they should only learn the words we give you. We have added the year 3/4 and year 5/6 spelling lists to our website so you can work on these with your child if you so wish.

We have also given you access to our handwriting scheme. This would be an excellent activity for you to complete each week with your child(ren).

The link for this can be found on our website. The log on details are as follows:-

User name: crooks

Password: barn

To help your child with being able to write sentences the first thing your child needs to be able to do is say it. It is extremely helpful if you talk with your child, about what they have done, what they can see, how it makes them feel, etc. Introduce them to new words, learn different ways of saying the same thing, look at signs, instructions, newspapers, etc and talk about the language used. This will help them hugely with their writing. Every other Thursday your child should receive a Big Talk homework, if completed, it will help them develop their skills ready for writing the next day.

The government are now putting a greater emphasis on grammar and it is important that the children now understand grammatical terminology. You can find this terminology on our website if you wish to help your child with this.

Playing games, such as scrabble or monopoly, snakes and ladders, etc can also be more useful than completing extra worksheets.

Thank you, Team KS2