



Homework

Leaflet

Year 2

Autumn 2nd Half 2020

'Let's Celebrate'

Name:

Homework project due in by: **Thursday 14th January 2020**

Children work hard at school and they need time in the evenings and weekends to play and learn in different ways. They need time to take part in family activities and also to be able to join community organisations and teams.

Homework is of most benefit to the learner when it is a chance to:

- Talk about learning with parents and carers

- Apply learning in a practical context
- Spend time on practising facts and skills that need a lot of repetition
- Make choices and decisions

Essential Weekly Homework

These three homework tasks should be done every day or as often as you possibly can:

1. Reading

Children in KS1 and some children in lower KS2 have a school reading book. They start by reading to their grown-ups who will write a comment in the reading journal.

As children get more confident it may be that instead they discuss the

book with an adult who can ask them questions about what they have read. Our Reading Comprehension bookmark can help with thinking of questions.

Children will also bring home a school library book that they



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Questions for Reading Comprehension

Remember always: P.E.E.

- Make your *point*
- Refer to *evidence*
- Explain what you mean

General

- What do you think and feel about what you have read?
- Who is this writing intended for?
- What is the purpose of this writing?
- Who wrote this and when?
- What is the form of this writing?
- Have you read any other texts like this one?
- Did anything puzzle you?

Fiction and plays

- Who is the narrator?
- Who is the most important character?
- What do we know about the setting?
- Why does the writer use dialogue? □

Poetry

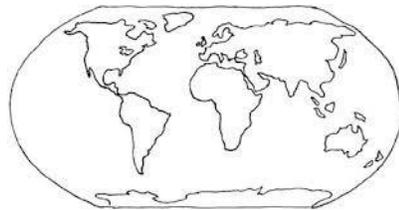
- What do you see in your mind when you read this?
- What is the effect of the rhyme, rhythm and line length?

Non-fiction

- How can we locate information quickly in this text?
- Why does the author use diagrams?

have chosen to read for information or pleasure.

Children can also read their own books from home or the local library. To choose a book that is the right level of difficulty when children are still learning to read ask them to put down one finger for each word they can't work out on a page. 0 fingers is too easy, 5 is too hard. 3 is probably just about right.



2. Practicing Maths Passport targets

Children will have maths passport targets to practise each week, as they travel the continents of the world learning useful maths facts, until they are confident enough to answer timed questions accurately on at least three different occasions.



3. Learning sounds and spellings

Children will have spellings to practise this half term that will be checked in school and used in class work. These will be related to:

- phonics sounds they are learning
- Spelling rules they are learning
- Common exception words that they need to know off by heart

A good way to learn spellings is LOOK, SAY, COVER, WRITE and CHECK.

Don't forget that telling a grown up about their learning and explaining new knowledge and skills is the very best homework a child can do!

Optional Half Termly Homework

If your child needs more ideas for things to do at home try these:

- Maths activity – Design and make a fun maths game to play with your family. It might include additions and subtractions, times tables or number bonds with 'miss a go' or 'move back 1 space' included for wrong answers too. You can be as imaginative as you like!
- Writing activity – Have you read a good story recently? Write a book review for it to tell other people why you enjoyed it! (You can even include illustrations)
- Reading/research activity – Read and talk about foods eaten for special occasions e.g. Birthdays, Bonfire night, Diwali, Hanukah, Thanksgiving, Christmas. Make a list in your homework book. Choose one for your project below.

Useful websites or online activities are:

Mathletics, Phonics play, BBC websites

Half Term Project

Children should use their own ideas and skills for this because we want them to build stamina over a period of time and to be creative in how they respond. They can work with help or independently. This work will be shared in class and certificates will be awarded for projects that are completed.

Choose a special celebration and find out some information about how and why people celebrate it. Where do they celebrate? What do they eat? What do they wear? Research it using books, internet and talking to an adult. Choose how you will present what you have learnt. Possible ways are drawings, photos, fact sheet, model, song, poem, story or other original