

Helping Your Child At Home

Spellings

Children will be given spellings to learn each Friday – these will be tested a week later on the following Friday.

Homework

Homework may vary from week to week due to the topics we are covering in our different subjects. However, when homework is set, please ensure your children complete it and help them if needed.

Times tables

Times tables are a huge part of Maths and can help in many different ways, please help your child to learn the times tables so they can recall them quickly and accurately. By the end of year 2 children should be confident with their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will now be focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read for 15 minutes daily – the text doesn't necessarily have to be their school reading book (reading something is better than not reading anything at all!). Also, please aim to hear your child read at least twice a week and discuss the text with them to improve their understanding of the story. If your child finishes their school reading book please make sure you **record this in their reading diary** so that their book can be changed quickly.

Dates To Remember



English

In English this term, our work will be focused on our new class text 'How to Train your Dragon'. We will be producing written work based on the story in the form of many different text types such as instructions, non-chronological reports and diary entries.



In addition, we will be focusing on our reading comprehension, spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG) and handwriting. Children will be encouraged to discuss and answer questions about different texts during both Guided Reading. You can help your child by listening to them read and discussing the story afterwards.

Here are some possible comprehension questions you may want to use:

What were the main events in the story?

How do you think _____ felt when _____ happened?

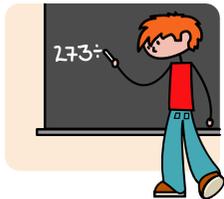
Which word tells us that _____?

Mathematics

During Maths this term, we will be looking at many areas and continuing to improve our knowledge of mathematical techniques. Amongst other things, we will be revisiting written methods to help us solve multiplication and division problems, equivalent fractions and will spend some more time practicing how to work out durations of time and solve problems relating to this.

In addition to this, each week we will practice our arithmetic skills on Thursday mornings and practicing times tables throughout the week will help us progress through our Club Sheets.

We will continue to spend time familiarizing ourselves with reasoning questions and discussing how different questions may require different types of answers.



Curriculum News

We are starting this half term by looking at the continent: **Europe** in Geography. Following on from this, we will then begin our History work focusing on '**The Vikings**,' during which we will explore what life was like for them and key events in that period.

We will start our term with the Science topic '**Humans including Animals**' in which we will find out about food groups & healthy balanced diets, study the human digestive system, how food is transported around the body then investigate skeletons and bones. We will link this learning with the importance of exercise. Following we will explore '**Plants**'. We will begin by looking at the different parts of a plant, how plants grow (and what they need to do this), as well as experimenting by growing our own plants and trying to change the colour of a flower.



Don't Forget

- **PE is on a _____** Please ensure your child has trainers or pumps in school to take part.



Please remember:

- Full uniform should be worn everyday, with no jewellery, except small stud earrings. Open toed sandals are not permitted to be worn to school.
- Children often spend lunchtimes running around playing. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school to keep them hydrated!
- Look out for important letters and dates.