



Year Four Home Learning

Reading

Alongside other reading activities, your child will read in a small guided reading group with a member of the Year 4 team once every week. At the end of this session they will be set some further reading to complete as homework as well as an additional task to complete. The details of additional tasks will be recorded in your child's Reading Journal where you will also find a sheet that lists the various tasks. This homework must be completed by the next week's guided reading session. In addition to their reading homework, please encourage your child to read or listen to you read on a daily basis at home to help to develop their enjoyment, fluency and comprehension skills. We ask that your child brings their reading book and journal to school every day. Reading books will be collected in when the group have finished with them.

Spelling

All children will be taught spelling rules in class each week following the Nelson English spelling scheme. Attached you will find information on the rules that we intend to cover each week and a sample of the words the children will encounter as the expected standard for their age. The amount of words the children will learn may vary depending on the difficulty of the rule they are learning. The emphasis should be on their understanding of spelling rules and being able to apply the rules. Spelling lists for the children to learn will be put into a handwriting book so that as the children use the look-say-cover-write-check learning system, they can practise their handwriting by neatly writing out the given words. Handwriting within their spelling books must be completed in pencil until the children receive their pen license to ensure that it is as neat as possible. Spelling tests will be completed in a separate spelling book.

Maths

We support the emphasis in the new National Curriculum for Maths that pupils become "fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics".



This highlights the importance of children knowing the key mathematical facts and methods and being able to recall them efficiently, and supports their progress in maths, enabling them to apply their knowledge to rapidly and accurately solve problems.

In order to support your child's learning and help them to develop their rapid recall skills, each half term we will have a particular focus area. For the first half of the Autumn term we would like the children to revise the 4, 6 and 9 times tables so that they are able to recall them instantly and in any order. After half term we will continue to work on these times tables but the focus will be on the associated division facts. Every week there will be an instant recall check to help us to gauge how well the children are progressing. We would greatly appreciate your support in helping and encouraging your child to practise their times tables as often as possible at home.

All children in Year 4 have logins for Mathletics. When appropriate they will be set tasks based on what they have been learning in school. However we expect the children to score **a minimum of 300 points a week**. Should they be regularly unable to access the internet at home, then they will be able to complete their homework using the school computers. The deadline for earning 300 points in a week is Sunday evening, when the site resets and the next weekly homework cycle begins.

Topic Task

Be as creative as you like. Show us what you have learned by making, writing, drawing or using technology.

Autumn 1 Topic: The Vikings, Robin Hood or Living Things (this will be shared after half term in class on Friday 3rd November 2017)

Autumn 2 Topic: India, Hinduism or Sci-Fi Stories (this will be shared in the class on Friday 5th January 2018)