



Year Four Home Learning

Reading

As part of our continued drive to improve standards, we are implementing a whole-class approach to guided reading throughout the school called 'Book Talk'. The children will continue to have regular reading sessions in class using the books provided by school and they will need to bring these books to school **every day** for use in school. We have arranged for a parent information evening on reading that will provide further details about some of the changes for the year ahead. This will be held on **5th February** for KS2.

It is expected that the children read and/or listen to you read (either their guided reading book or a book of their choice) for at least 10-20 minutes on a daily basis to help to develop their enjoyment, fluency and comprehension skills.

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 Spring term we would like the children to revise the 6, 9 and 7 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.

Spring 1 Topic: The Ancient Maya, Dragons, Sound (this will be shared after half term in class on Friday 23rd February 2018) -

Spring 2 Topic: Battle of Hastings, Electricity, Hemispheres and Climate Zones (this will be shared in the class on Friday 20th April 2018)