



Year Four Home Learning

Reading

Along with other reading activities, your child will read in a small guided group with a member of the Year 4 team once every week. This will be during one of our daily 'Book Talk' sessions. The books that the children use within these sessions will remain at school. Occasionally, pupils are expected to read independently during the school day and for this they can choose a suitable book from the school book case or bring one in from home.

It is expected that the children read and/or listen to you read for at least **10-20 minutes on a daily basis** to help develop their enjoyment, fluency and comprehension skills. This reading must then be recorded in their **Reading Journal which should be brought into school each Monday** to be reviewed. Both children and adults can record what they have read in the journals.

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



From the 2019/20 academic year onwards, schools in England will be required to administer an online multiplication tables check (MTC) to year 4 pupils. In preparation for this, we have introduced the pupils to a website called Times Table Rock Stars. We are encouraging the children to spend time each week practising their recall of timetables not only for the MTC but to aid their understanding and development in Maths. So far, the children are really enjoying the website and it is already having a positive impact in KS2.

We will continue to set homework on Mathletics, however this will be reduced to account for Times Table Rock Stars. Homework on Mathletics will be set on a Wednesday and the children have a week to complete the tasks set.

On a Tuesday, during mental maths, we check on the progress pupils are making with their times tables with instant recall tests. We would greatly appreciate your support in helping and

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 1st March 2019)

Spring 2 Topic: Battle of Hastings, Electricity, Hemispheres and Climate Zones (this will be shared in the class on Friday 26th April 2019)

Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions about homework expectations.