

## Homework

**Year 3 & 4's** homework will predominately focus on weekly spellings and times tables, with themed projects set relating to their class topic once every half term. **Year 5 & 6's** homework will include weekly spellings and times tables, but they will also be set one piece of English and Maths per week. Homework will be **set on Mondays and due on Fridays** so that pupils and parents can have stress-free weekends! Please record all of your child's hard work in their homework diary.

## Spellings

At the beginning of each new half-term, pupils will be given all their words to revise for the forthcoming weeks. Spelling tests will take place **every Friday morning** and your child's results will be tracked across the year. Please see your child's class teacher if you need additional copies of these word lists. Please help your child learn their spellings at home throughout the week in preparation for their weekly test; most children find the 'look, cover, write, check' method very successful. Please record all of your child's spelling practice in their homework diary. The spelling rules and letter patterns studied at KS2 are from the Government's statutory word lists.

## Assessments

As per the latest Government guidance, all assessments will be taking place as usual for the 2020/21 academic year. This includes the Year 6 SATs and the online Year 4 'Multiplication Tables Check' (MTC).

Year 6 SATs will take place on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May**, inclusive. The MTC will take place in **June 2021**.

The MTC is to ensure that by Year 4, pupils are secure in their times tables and associated division facts ( $3 \times 5 = 15$  therefore  $15 \div 5 = 3$ ). Being fluent in times table knowledge cannot be stressed enough and best prepares your child for the demands of the upper KS2 curriculum and beyond.

All pupils in KS2 will be given a 'Times Table Rock Star' challenge **three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**. These will be sent home on the same day so that you can see your child's progress and help them make any necessary corrections. There are many apps, online games and YouTube songs which can make learning times tables lots of fun! Please record all of your child's hard work in their homework diary.

## Equipment

All stationery will be provided by the school. There is no need to purchase any stationery for your child. Please can you ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school with them each day, along with a named water bottle and a healthy snack to eat at break.

## Reading

It is essential that you read with your child, and they read to you, as frequently as possible but as a minimum requirement, we suggest **10-15 minutes five nights a week**. This should be recorded in your child's homework diary. When you read to your child, you're building their vocabulary, language and literacy skills, while improving concentration, curiosity and memory. Reading builds comprehension and critical-thinking skills and also promotes spelling and grammar acquisition. Not only this, but reading with your child after a busy day allows you to spend some quality time with each other and can help settle your child before bedtime to ensure they have a good night's rest!

## Uniform

Please ensure your child has a blue school cardigan or jumper, white shirt or polo shirt and black or grey trousers / skirt / pinafore. Pupils must have appropriate black school shoes – no trainers please. We would also like to remind you that we have a strict no jewellery policy; pupils may wear one set of *plain* stud earrings only. No extravagant hair-bands or hair accessories are permitted. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## PE Kit

In light of Covid-19, we are trying to minimise the number of items brought to and from school and home. With this in mind, on the days that your child has PE, please can they come to school dressed in their outdoor PE kit. The kit requirements remain the same: plain white T-shirt, a pair of plain, dark (black, navy or grey) jogging bottoms and a plain, dark (black, navy or grey) hoody / jumper. They will also require a pair of plain black outdoor trainers. As PE kits will be worn for the duration of the school day, they **MUST** be in line with our uniform policy. All KS2 pupils are required to have two sessions of PE per week. For the Autumn term, these will take place on the following days and will be delivered by NUFC. *Please note that PE lessons will commence the second week of term.*

**Yr3-** Tuesdays and Fridays **Yr4** – Mondays and Tuesdays

**Yr 5&6** – Wednesdays and Thursdays

## Attendance

Good attendance in each class is celebrated every week during Celebration Assembly and is shared on the school newsletter and website. The school closely monitors pupil absence and minutes of learning time lost due to lateness; should a pupil's attendance or level of punctuality cause concern, this will be reported to the Education Welfare Officer. Please note that leave is unlikely to be granted for the purposes of a family holiday. If a child is absent from school due to illness, this should be reported to the office by telephone as soon as practicable, this can include outside office hours using the answer-phone facility.

Please follow the government guidance if you, your child or a member of your household displays any symptoms of Coronavirus. Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if they feel unwell, have a temperature or a cough.

## KS2 Class Teachers

**Year 3** – Miss Allsopp

**Year 4** – Mrs. Richardson & Mrs. Bilclough

**Year 5** – Mr. Hall

**Year 6** – Mrs. O'Reilly & Miss Thompson

**KS2 Support Staff** – Mrs. Ziolkowski (HLTA) Mrs. Derbyshire, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Robins, Miss Toothill. We would also like to welcome student teacher, Miss Little, to our team this year.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN LINE WITH COVID-19 GUIDANCE, PARENTS WISHING TO TALK TO CLASS TEACHERS MUST CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE. WE WILL AIM TO GET BACK TO YOU THE SAME DAY, WHEN POSSIBLE.

## Key Dates for your Diary

<u>HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE</u>	<u>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE</u>	<u>DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE</u>
Summer 2020	Friday 17 July 2020	Tuesday 1 September 2020
October Mid-Term 2020	Friday 23 October 2020	Monday 2 November 2020
Christmas/New Year 2020/2021	Friday 18 December 2020	Monday 4 January 2021
Spring Mid-Term 2021	Friday 12 February 2021	Monday 22 February 2021
Easter 2021	Friday 26 March 2021	Monday 12 April 2021
Summer Mid-Term 2021	Friday 28 May 2021	Monday 7 June 2021
Summer 2021	Friday 16 July 2021	*Monday 6 September 2021

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