

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 2021/22 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 9th - Thursday 12th May**, inclusive. The MTC will take place in **June 2022**.

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

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.*

Year 3- Tuesdays and Fridays **Year 4** – Mondays and Tuesdays **Years 5&6** –Wednesdays and Thursdays

Swimming Autumn Term – **Year 6** Swimming Spring Term – Swimming Summer Term -

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 – Mr. McDonald

Year 4 – Mrs. Richardson & Mrs. Bilclough

Year 5 – Mr. Hall

Year 6 – Mrs. O'Reilly & Miss Thompson

We would also like to welcome back Mrs. March, who will be teaching across the Key Stage and working closely with Year 6 English and maths groups.

KS2 Support Staff – Mrs. Ziolkowski (HLTA) Mrs. Derbyshire, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Batey and Mrs. Robins. We would also like to welcome student teacher, Mrs Rutter, to our team this year.

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 2021	Friday 16 July 2021	Monday 6 September 2021
October Mid-Term 2021	Friday 22nd October 2021	Monday 1 November 2021
Christmas/New Year 2021/2022	Friday 17 December 2021	Tuesday 4 January 2022
Spring Mid-Term 2022	Friday 18 February 2022	Monday 28 February 2022
Easter 2022	Friday 8 April 2022	Monday 25 April 2022
Summer Mid-Term 2022	Friday 27 May 2022	Monday 6 June 2022
Summer 2022	Friday 22 July 2022	Monday 5 September 2022

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