

Key Stage 2 Home Learning Information (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) – Spring Term 2019
For Parents/Carers of children in Key Stage 2

NEW HOMEWORK ROUTINE

In response to feedback from the children, we are making some changes to our KS2 homework routine. We really hope that this will benefit everyone and we look forward to seeing the children's work. **This term, the first date for homework is the 10th January and the final date is the 14th March.**

Mathletics – activities will be set by your child's class teacher to support the work being done in class. The number of activities will be written in your child's planner every week and they are compulsory. The children do not receive feedback about the tasks but teachers can re-set specific tasks if they need to be revisited. The tasks will be set every Thursday to be completed by the following Thursday.

Times Table Rockstars (TT Rockstars) – unlike mathletics, TT Rockstars is not compulsory. However, having a rapid recall of multiplication and division facts benefits all areas of maths. Classes play against each other in 'Battle of the Bands' weekly to see which class can gain the most points – there have been some incredible totals so far! The winners of the battles are celebrated alongside the top 3 individual scorers for the week. Tasks are only 1 minute long, so we recommend children working on TT Rockstars for 5 minutes a day. The Times Table Rockstars app can be downloaded for free on tablets.

Reading – the children should read at home every day and record it in their planner. They can also access Bug Club at home. Star points will be awarded for reading at home (please see individual year group letters/the KS2 parent handbook on each year group page on the website for the number of star points awarded).

Spelling – the children have a spelling booklet (also available on our website). They will be told which list they are working on each week and they will write the list number in their planner (in their weekly list and some classes will also write in on page 100). Spellings are set on a Thursday to be tested the following Thursday. Please support them to practise these words and highlight the spelling rules in particular. The children should keep their spelling booklet in their planner at all times. The spelling booklets will not be marked, the teachers will use the test score to inform their assessments and planning. Teachers are able to use marvellous me to feed back about full marks in a spelling test and the children are encouraged to write their score in their planner to share with you.

Creative Challenge – the children will also be given a creative challenge on a variety of curriculum themes. The themes will link to Key Stage 2 initiatives, assembly themes or year group objectives. The 'whole' Key Stage 2 tasks will have strong links to British Values and SMSC development (spiritual, moral, social and cultural). We will also make links to significant events, such as Science Week. This task will be set on a Thursday and should be handed in on the following Tuesday. The children should spend a minimum of 20 minutes on their creative challenge each week. They are strongly encouraged to maintain their high standards of handwriting and presentation when completing their homework. All tasks are available on year group pages on the website.

Homework summary

Task	Day set	Day Due
Creative challenge	Thursday	Tuesday
Spelling	Thursday	Thursday (test day)
Mathletics	Thursday	Thursday
Reading	Daily – planners will be checked every week to award star points.	