

Rothwell Schools Year 2

Homework Newsletter

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Introduction

Due to exceptional circumstances the school has decided to produce a 'Homework Newsletter' for each year group.

This newsletter is to keep you informed about what learning your child can continue to do whilst at home due to the school being closed.

Practise helps children to commit learning to long term memory and this is what we hope to achieve through the following suggested activities with your child.

A curriculum-focused independent learning resource with over 40 home learning activities all planned and all prepared!

https://www.tts-group.co.uk/home+learning+activities.html?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=wallpost&utm_campaign=TTSparentpackpost&utm_content=nowlive&fbclid=IwAR03Cvcq1lbQEh3Vf6WNZgSy1kuq6H343wKs1IRkTuyQ-NSAHAZ0jXmuZ6E

Other useful websites

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk> Sign up for access to a wide range of free resources.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/search>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/go/games-twinkl-go>

Reading

Keep reading!

It is vital that your child continues to read a little bit every day.

Finished your school reading book? Not a problem! The Oxford Owl website (www.oxfordowl.co.uk) enables parents to sign up for free. There is an online library of eBooks which have the same colour banding on as we use in school. These books can be opened on laptops, tablets and mobile devices – a brilliant resource to have at home!

We work really hard to promote and encourage a love of reading amongst the children. There are lots of recommended reading lists for children on the internet. You can sometimes find You Tube videos of these stories being read aloud. For tips on how to read aloud to your child, visit

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/welcome-back/for-home/reading-owl/top-tips--3/julia-donaldsons-top-tips>

The BBC also have some great stories that are read aloud. Visit

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>

For some great recommendations of books see

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/1/100-best-0-5/>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/1/100-best-books-6-8/>

Other useful websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk - Username:march20 password:home

This website has games and activities that allow children to practise their phonics. The children are very familiar with many of the activities on this website.

www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

Writing

Common exception words - these are words that children are expected to be able read and be able to spell correctly when writing.

| Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words | | | | | | |
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| Year 1 | | | Year 2 | | | |
| the | they | one | door | gold | plant | clothes |
| a | be | once | floor | hold | path | busy |
| do | he | ask | poor | told | bath | people |
| to | me | friend | because | every | hour | water |
| today | she | school | find | great | move | again |
| of | we | put | kind | break | prove | half |
| said | no | push | mind | steak | improve | money |
| says | go | pull | behind | pretty | sure | Mr |
| are | so | full | child | beautiful | sugar | Mrs |
| were | by | house | children | after | eye | parents |
| was | my | our | wild | fast | could | Christmas |
| is | here | | climb | last | should | everybody |
| his | there | | most | past | would | even |
| has | where | | only | father | who | |
| I | love | | both | class | whole | |
| you | come | | old | grass | any | |
| your | some | | cold | pass | many | |

Maths

It is really important that the children continue to practise and build on their understanding of place value (tens and ones) and being able to solve add (+), subtract (-), multiply (x) and divide (\div) calculations. www.whiterosemaths.com are releasing a range of materials that can be accessed by parents, including some of their 'premium' resources. As a school, we use the Whiterose documents to inform our planning so the children are already very familiar with the layout and presentation of many of the activities.



<https://uk.ixl.com/has> - This website has a range of online practise opportunities for Maths and English. Select Year 2 and then chose which subject you would like your child to focus on. The children can work their way through a range of different skills within each subject. There is even a little speaker icon that the children can click on which will read the question to them.

At the beginning of the term a Maths home help booklet was sent home with all children. A copy of this can be found on the school website. It contains a variety of activities you can complete with your child at home as well as some top tips on strategies for solving calculations.

Playing games such as snakes and ladders and other board games are a great way to practise Maths skills.

Other helpful websites and online activities include –

2 x, 5 x and 10 x tables: <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/bunny/index.html>

Place value: <https://www.ictgames.com/sharkNumbers/mobile/index.html>

Number bonds to 10: <https://www.ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/index.html>

Subtraction word problems: <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/fireFly/index.html>

Reading measures: <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/mostlyPostie/index.html>

Reading clocks: <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/hickoryDickory/index.html>

Fiesta Sports Coaching will be providing daily fun exercise and sports challenges involving skills which will allow children to continue to develop some of the skills they have been learning in PE lessons. There will also be other challenges and activities to help keep families active promoting health and wellbeing for all.

You will find these on their social media at:

 Instagram: @Fiestasportscoaching

 Twitter: @Fiesta_Sports

 Tik Tok: @Fiestasportscoaching

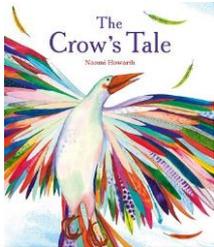
 Facebook Page: @Fiestasportscoaching

Important points to note

- It is not how fast your child completes an activity but how much your child has practised and remembered that is important.
- Little and often is better than long periods of time.
- Keep the activities fun and engaging where possible.
- Use older siblings, where appropriate, to support the learning. Here is a recap of what your child has been learning about this term in school.

Curriculum overview for Term 2.

See what your child has been learning about and suggestions of how you can support your child further in their learning.

| Year 2 – Deadly 60! | | |
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| English | Maths | Topic  |
| <p>Throughout the term we shall continue to build on the children's decoding and comprehension skills by giving them the opportunities to read a range of quality fiction and non-fiction texts.</p> <p>The children will be learning how to write letters, and will even be writing their own letters to Steve Backshall, telling him about different 'Deadly 60' animals we will have found out about and asking him about his experiences of deadly animals. As we move through the term we will also be focussing on newspaper reports, poetry as well as more opportunities to develop story writing techniques based on the story 'The Crow's Tale'. The children will be doing this by using skills such as alliteration, similes, questions and exclamation sentences in their writing.</p>  | <p>In Maths, the children will begin the term by looking at lines of symmetry and symmetrical patterns and making links to symmetry within nature. One of our main focusses will then move on multiplication and division. We shall spend time practising counting in multiples of 2's 5's and 10's and making connections between patterns of repeated addition, multiplication and how it links to the inverse of division. This will enable the children to be able to answer a wide range of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division calculations and word problems.</p> <p>Later on in the term, the children will also be practising their sharing skills by beginning to look at fractions of a shape and of a number.</p> | <p>This term we shall be going on a Deadly 60 adventure, looking at a wide variety of deadly animals and plants! The children will be developing their understanding of how living things, including humans change and what they need to survive as well as looking at those that are now extinct!</p> <p>The children will spend some time focussing on the different habitats of the Deadly 60 animals and plants and will even create their own 'box habitats'.</p> <p>In ICT, we will continue to ensure the children have a good understanding of how to use the internet safely when looking for different facts and information. The children will also have fun combining art and ICT to create work in the style of the artist David Hockney.</p> |
| You could support your child by... | | |
| <p>Please make sure you continue to read with your child as often as you can.</p> <p>Look back through your child's reading diary to practise the spellings that we have previously sent home.</p> | <p>The children will be looking at telling the time – It would be great if you could have a little practise at home!</p> <p>If you would like to practise some maths skills at home, you may find this website useful! https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting</p> | <p>What can you find out about 'pre-historic' deadly 60 creatures?</p> <p>How have the continents change over time?</p>  |

And finally...

As always, thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Civil and the Year 2 team