



St Wilfrid's Home Learning ~ Sycamore Class ~ Summer 1



Homework

Homework plays an important role in keeping children's skills fresh and more importantly allowing them to share their skills with their family at home.

Remembering to complete and hand in their homework is a skill in itself. I want the children to become confident in knowing what they need to do and to bring it in on time. This skill will be vital to them as they move into Year 6 and then onto High School.

We will continue with the Maths and English activities which will be handed out each Friday to the children. This will be what we call 'Over learning' which means it will be skills they have been introduced to in class and are recapping them at home. They will bring these home in a cardboard folder. This folder should be returned to school by the following Friday (it can be returned before) and we will mark them together in class after our spelling test.

Marking together is much more powerful as we can address any misconceptions straight away.

I will still incorporate some topic based homework over the half term as well as the English and Maths.



Times Tables

It is **VITAL** that the children still regularly practise their Times Tables.

During this half term I have noticed that the children's understanding and pace in the new topics we are looking at is reduced purely due to their lack of confidence in being able to multiply quickly.

Please practise these regularly.

Reading

Reading should take place daily. The children should practise not only reading the words but talking about:

- ⇒ What has happened so far.
- ⇒ What might happen next.
- ⇒ How the characters might feel.
- ⇒ Where the story is set.
- ⇒ Why certain words have been used.
- ⇒ Who they would recommend the story to.

A record of their reading should be made in their Reading Record by a grown up or even themselves. The reads can be from their school reading book and also from their own books at home. Books can be changed in school on any day, as long as the book is placed in the basket for Mrs Kinder.

Books **MUST** be handed in on a Friday for Mrs Kinder to be able to count the reads for the week and add them to '**The Reading Challenge**'. Prizes will be awarded for each step of the challenge they reach.

Spelling

I will set spellings each week and post these on Google Classroom and on Class Dojo.

The children should practise these daily to ensure they are confident in what they mean and how to use them in their written work.

This is also a great opportunity for the children to practise their handwriting.

The children are tested by having a sentence dictated to them that includes the spelling word. They receive Dojos not only for the single word being spelt correctly but for the spelling and punctuation of the rest of the sentence.

It's a great opportunity for me to show the children the types of sentences I expect from them.