

Year 5 Home Learning

Date Set: Thursday 15th October



Dear Owl Class,

Thank you all for another great week! In response to a few conversations I have had with parents this week I just wanted to clarify the expectations around homework for this year. Currently, we are not setting Maths and English or other homework beyond what is outlined below. Reading, times tables or KIRFs practise and spelling is all we are asking the children to complete. There are a number of reasons for this beyond the obvious Covid19 issues, chief amongst which is the value it adds to children's learning and the time and potential stress it can cause both at home and at school when it is not completed. Current research shows that there is very limited impact on children's learning and there is an associated time cost for the teacher in setting and marking homework. This time is better used by the teacher for setting classwork for the children. I hope that clarifies the situation somewhat.

Spelling

- This week's scores were excellent again, with many people getting full marks. Keep practising as it is paying off!
- Keep practising – next week will be unit 6 – Homophones.
- Don't forget to go over any of the Year 3 and 4 words you don't yet know; we will be having a quiz on it in a few weeks.

Reading

- Thank you again for reading with your children. I can see from the reading records that there is lots of it going on!
- Please continue to read for at least 15 minutes every night and have at least 3 reading entries signed by your parents in the reading record each week.
- Reading is one of the key ways to improve your knowledge of new vocabulary, various sentence structures and therefore improve your writing. Being able to read means you can access even more learning on other subjects too. It is also fun!

Times tables

- Similarly, the times tables knowledge is excellent again in Owl class! Most children are now working on their tables from 2-12 with division facts mixed in. This is brilliant!
- The KIRFs document has now been sent out. Please use these to supplement times tables practise at home. Focus primarily on the Year 4 and 5 facts, as this is where children are currently working.
- Please continue to use TTRockstars to maintain your fluency in times tables, if required; it is a fun way to practise and it helps you by spotting tables that you need to practise and gives you these to try.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Charlton and Mrs Searle