

Year 1 Homework 2018



Monday – Spellings home/Basic maths skills home or Abacus maths game set/ FREE CHOICE BOOKS returned and changed

Friday – Spelling test/Basic maths skills sheet returned to school

*Homework will be introduced gradually – not all of this at once – don't worry!

Reading at home

Reading will continue to have a high focus in Year 1. On Mondays we will help your child to choose 3 books that they would like to read for that week at home and within school. We will give the children a clear plastic folder and would appreciate it if you would encourage your child to look after it. **All reading folders must be in school and placed in the trays outside Year 1 EVERY DAY.**

In addition this year, we would like children to choose one FREE CHOICE book for sharing at home from our class library. We will provide a book for your child to record their choice of book in any way they wish. Maybe a drawing of their favourite part or character. Maybe a sentence or paragraph about what they liked. We would encourage you to do this with your child but we are very appreciative of time factors for some and that all children are different. This is therefore an **optional activity** to do if you are able and is meant to be a task to do **if it is fun for all of you**. Some children may just wish to share their book with you and that is fine. FREE CHOICE books can be kept at home all week and popped into clear folders on Monday to be changed.

Throughout the week children will be read to and will read as part of a guided comprehension group. Most children will also have the opportunity to read with an adult

individually. We rely on parent helpers in order for this to happen and we are always looking for volunteers to assist with this. **Please let us know if you can spare a morning or afternoon session.**

We recommend that your child reads at home every day. Frequent short sessions are most beneficial. Aim for at least 10 minutes per session.

The school book band system provides some guidance for home reading but it is important that your child reads and experiences other books as well. Encourage them to make choices about what they would like to read at home and visit the local library with them. Reading to your child develops their imagination and vocabulary. We appreciate the comments that you make in the reading records, this keeps us informed about how reading is going at home.

Some parents express concern about the book band number their child is on and request that their child is moved up. The numbers are guidance only and we would ask that you allow us to make that decision when we feel that they are ready to progress.

*Children can also access Bug Club books when they are allocated via Active Learn Primary.

POW Point Projects

To reinforce the work we are covering in class we have a half-termly homework. Your child will receive a list of tasks that they can choose from. Each task has been given a point value (for being motivated, curious, creative, being a good citizen or for health and wellbeing reasons) ranging from 1 point to 3 points. The aim for your child will be to earn AT LEAST 3 points by choosing tasks they would like to do. This may take the form of drawings, writing, photos etc – it really is up to you how you want to present the work.

The activities worth 1 point are easier to achieve, so it might be that you guide your child to choose 3 of these activities to reach their target of 3 points. They are not restricted to 3 points either – it is up to them how much or how little they choose to do.

The first date for having the POWER Point Projects back to school will be: **Monday 22nd October 2018**. If there are any questions/queries please talk to us at the door.

Spellings

Children will have a spelling test **every Friday** based on the words they receive on a Monday (**Clear plastic folders – Mondays – home**).

The clear plastic homework folders (including spelling sheets and red spelling books) need to be **returned to school on Fridays**.

The test book will be sent home again with your child on **Mondays**, along with their new spelling sheet.

We are trying a slightly different approach this year. The spellings on the sheet will be starred according to difficulty – easier and harder. There will also be 2 challenge words. We would ask you to judge how many spellings your child is able to learn – either 4 words, 8 (4 and 4 words) or all of the words making a score out of 10. We would ask you to record in the appropriate box on the spelling sheet the number learned – i.e. 4, 8 or 10. Please see us if you are worried about this.

Maths

Children will have weekly practice of key skills for maths. This is meant to be quick and manageable for the children to try on their own. We are going to trial the star system for this as well. If this proves too difficult, please let us know. *Abacus homework (maths games) will be allocated via Active Learn Primary as and when appropriate.

If there are any worries over spellings/maths skills homework, please feel free to jot them down on their sheets.

*Active Learn Primary

You can log into your child's homework using the website: activelearnprimary.co.uk

Username: First 4 letters of child's first name/first 4 letters of child's surname

Password: penns

School code: PFDW

Please encourage your child to log in independently as it is good training for when they access the site independently at school.

That was a lot of information!

Thanks for your help with this,

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