



St White's Primary School



Challenge, Commit, Conquer and Celebrate



Dear Sparrow Class,

A warm welcome back!

I hope you had a wonderful summer holiday and are well rested for and ready for what is going to be a very exciting year of learning. To begin the year, our first topic is centered on the Great Fire of London. We will particularly be focusing on why the Great Fire of London spread so quickly and the key people involved in the event.

PE

This half term, PE lessons will be on **Thursday** and **Friday** so children will need to ensure that they have their full PE kit in school on these days. If you are not sure of the school PE kit, a poster is displayed by the classroom door or the office can provide you with a letter detailing the full kit. It's really important that your child has all the uniform for these sessions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Homework

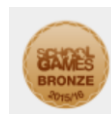
The school recognises how important it is to ensure that all homework set, is purposeful and achievable and that parents know what the expectations are. We also know that providing resources, where required is really important so that every child has an equal opportunity to complete activities with the same degree of success as their class mates. If you need further guidance, support or resources, please do not hesitate to come and talk to me as soon as possible so that I can arrange this.

The homework set will support the development of 'the basics' in English and maths, including reading, spellings and number fluency in accordance with your child's age and ability. This will ensure that they have the opportunity to develop effective learning strategies. Additionally, there will be some fun activities based on topic learning.

Set out below, is information about your child's homework. If you have any queries at any stage, do not hesitate to come and see me.

Reading Homework

The school will provide a home school communication book, with lots of great information included in it for both you and your child. It is also a means of recording homework activities, including a record of reading for both school and home reading. It would be very helpful if you



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could ensure that you are also recording in there when you hear your child read. It's important to share that quality time with your child.

Children need to ensure their reading record is in school every day; it will then be signed weekly by both myself and you. The school has the expectation that your child is engaging in reading at home at least 5 times a week. This must be recorded in their homework diaries. We understand that it requires some of your time, but this is vital for your child's development through their school lives. This provides a platform to develop and apply phonetical knowledge taught at school and continue the learning outside the classroom.

Spelling Homework

Your child will be given a set of five spellings to learn starting with List 1. Your child will need to get **all of the spellings correct in the list** before moving on to the next list. If they do get all of their list correct, they will be given the next list to practice which they will then be tested on the following week. The aim is for your child to get through all of the lists by the end of the year so it is vital that you help your child to learn their spellings.

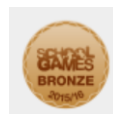
Please feel free to use the pages in the front of the spelling book to help your child learn their spellings. The pages in the back of the book will be used for the spelling tests. During the spelling tests, the spellings will be read out to the pupils in sentences and they will be expected to write out their spellings within the sentences. Copies of the spellings will also be uploaded to the class webpage for future reference.

Maths Homework

Mental maths books will be given to each child to complete in addition to their class work. I would like children to complete a page a week and then mark it from the answers in the back of the book. Please ensure it is completed in pencil and that any jottings are written in the jotter provided. If you would like support with any of the methods your child is taught so that you can support them with their homework then do not hesitate to come and see me.

To further help your child to practice their times tables, all pupils will be given a login to an app/website called '**Times Tables Rock Stars.**' This is a fun and rewarding way for pupils to practice their tables so please do try this out! Our Friday assemblies will now incorporate these 'battles' and you will find through our assembly timetable when Sparrow class are competing for you to come and watch if you wish.

POWER Project





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To support the work that the children are doing in school on their topic they will also be given a POWER project to complete during each short term. If your child requires any extra support or resources to support this then please do see me.

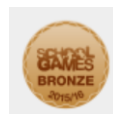
We will once again be running a KS1 homework club on a Wednesday after school where staff will be on hand to support children. Please look out for the clubs letter to sign up your child if you think this is something that they would benefit from in addition to the support you provide at home.

This year promises to be an exciting one with so many fantastic activities already planned; I look forward to working with both you and your child. I am always on hand at the beginning or end of the school day if you have any queries that I can help with.

Best wishes,

Miss G Lewis

Sparrow Class Teacher



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