



St White's Primary School

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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers,

### KS1 Homework expectations

Hopefully you all received your homework packs on Friday. This pack should include a homework diary, two reading books, a maths homework book and a POWer Project (some of these will be sent home today if they weren't received on Friday).

### Reading

Please listen to your child read 5 times per week and record it in their green homework diary. We cannot stress enough the importance of reading with your child at this stage of their education- we really do appreciate it! Your child will be assessed on their reading at school each week and they will be given books that match their reading level every Friday.

### Maths

Please complete **one** 'session' (one double page) of maths per week and mark it once your child has completed it.

### Spelling

Please ensure that you practise the spelling list that your child is on ready for a spelling test on a Friday (starting this Friday). You will find these lists in the back of your homework diary. Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will all be starting on list 1 this week. The spellings that pupils learn at home begin with the common exception words which are words that cannot be spelt by sounding out. This means that pupils need to learn and just 'know' how to spell these words rather than trying to spell them by using their phonics knowledge or knowledge of specific spelling rules.

**In Year 1**, pupils will work through the Year 1 common exception words and be tested on 5 of the words each week. The spelling lists will then move on to words containing sounds that they are learning in phonics and words that contain the Year 1 spelling rules. One word in these lists will also be a common exception word to help pupils retain their previous learning. All pupils in year 1 will be tested on the same set of spellings each week regardless of their progress the previous week.

**In Year 2**, pupils will learn a set of five spellings 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 spell all of their list correctly, they will move on to the next list 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. Your child's spelling lists will be stamped at the back of their reading record when they get all 5 spellings in the list right.

During the year 2 spelling tests, for lists 1-10, the spellings lists will be read out so pupils just need to write the list that they have learnt. When the pupils reach list 11, the spellings will then be read to pupils in sentences and they will be expected to write out the whole sentence, as this is a valuable skill. Only the key words will be tested for

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correct spellings. Spelling words correctly in context shows they have learnt them effectively. **If your child is absent from school on a Friday, they will wait until the next Friday to be tested on their spellings.**

#### Other

The POWer project is optional for pupils to complete and is linked to our current topic on the Great Fire of London.

Please bring your child's homework pack in every **FRIDAY** for homework to be checked and for your child's books to be changed. If you do not bring this pack in on a Friday we will be unable to change their books.

For more information, please visit your child's class webpage where a letter detailing lots of extra things will be uploaded this week.

Thank you for all of your help with your child's homework,

Miss Lewis, Miss Wright and Miss Hall



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