



St White's Primary School



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7 September 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and children of Sparrow Class,

A warm welcome back!

I hope you had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to what is going to be a very exciting year of learning.

Our first topic this year is centered on 'Flight'. The first week of learning has been used to decide what we want to learn through our history and geography studies as well as to introduce science, PE, PSHE, computing, art and music. We are particularly looking forward to learning about the history of flight and finding out about how flight has changed over time.

This half term, PE lessons will be on **Monday** 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.

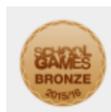
Homework

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. 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.

The school will provide parents and their children with guidance and support so that homework activities can be completed successfully.

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.

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Reading

Nurturing a love of literature for life, is without doubt, a strategy that the school is highly passionate about. Philip Pullman said that "after nourishment, shelter, and companionship, stories are the thing we need most in the world." It is through wonderful stories that we children can begin to define their world and discover their places within it. Stories not only help everyone to understand the world that we live in, but also teach us about where we came from, and help us to visualise the possibilities for the future. In a nutshell, stories are our education and they are also our escape. To this end, I would greatly appreciate your support in finding books that your child enjoys reading. The children will have access to the library at least once a week to change their reading book. We will also share our reading time by reading with an older class.

The school has a brand new 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 could ensure that you are recording in there when you hear your child read. Children need to ensure their reading record is in school every day; it will then be signed weekly by both myself and you.

Writing & EGPS

On Fridays, your child will be given a list of ten spellings to learn that will be stuck in a yellow spelling book. These spellings will be based on the spelling rule of the week. Spelling tests will be on a Friday morning, so please ensure your child's spelling book is returned to school by Thursday at the latest. Please support your child with learning their new spellings every week. Rewards will be given on a weekly basis for improvement and effort to encourage them to complete their spellings.

Maths

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 there are any questions that your child isn't sure about then please ask them to circle them and we will go through them in class. 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.

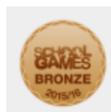
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Knowing their multiplication tables will be vitally important to assist your child with the maths that we complete this year. Children will continue to complete the 99 club weekly to test their multiplication knowledge but this will also require them to learn them both in school and with your support at home. It is expected that by the end of Year 2, your child will know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Curriculum Subjects

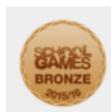
To support the work that the children are doing in school on their topic they will also be given a POWER project to complete during each short term. If your child requires any extra support or resources to support this then please do see me.

This term we will 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.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. I hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 2 has to offer! 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
Class Teacher



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