

Homework is set in Class 4 either on a Tuesday or Wednesday (depending on that week's timetable) and must be handed in the following Monday morning.

As well as the educational value of homework, it plays an important role in preparing your child for the next step of their education. It helps then to develop positive study skills and habits, teaches them to work independently and allows them to take responsibility for their learning. It also gives you the opportunity to learn more about what your child is learning in school.

For spelling and maths, the homework that is set will either link to lessons that have already been taught in which case it reinforces the skills, concepts and information already learned, or, it will link to lessons that are due to be taught in the coming week. This prepares your child for upcoming topics and allows me to check their current understanding so they can be supported and challenged appropriately during the lesson. For topic and other subjects, a research task may be given which will be used in the next lesson.

Whichever type of homework is given, it is important that it is completed and handed in on time. I appreciate that there will be occasions when it is not possible for it to be completed at home so a homework club will run on a Monday lunchtime to give your child the opportunity to complete the tasks set. The club is also available for those who would like some extra support.

Maths

This will usually be set via MyMaths - please let me know if you need a reminder of the login details. As well as the link to the homework, there is also a link to the lesson if your child wants to revise first. Once completed, a star will appear next to the topic - if a green star appears, they have good skills in that area, if an amber star appears, they still have some difficulties and if a red star appears, they need to go back and relearn the topic. They can try each task as many times as they like and only the best score for each will be recorded.



Spelling

Each week we will do a spelling lesson in class and the homework will consist of follow up activities plus a Puzzle Challenge which covers other aspects of spelling, punctuation and grammar that need to be covered during Key Stage 2. The main activity includes a word list (of up to 20 words) that follow the spelling focus for that week and a test will be given on Monday morning on 10 of those words. Lined or handwriting paper will be given to your child to complete their homework on and once completed, it will be put into their spelling folder.

Times tables

Any time spent practising times tables is time well spent! Being able to instantly recall times table facts will free up your child's working memory to apply to more complex tasks and is a great confidence boost. The 100 Second Challenge that was given for the summer holiday is a great tool to use.



Reading

Accelerated Reading will continue as usual and each term, as well as personal targets, we have a whole class 'words read' target so please encourage your child read regularly at home.

If you have any questions about homework in Class 4, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to me.

Miss Barlow.