

Year 4 Homework Guidance

This briefly describes the approach to the setting of homework in Year 4.

What homework will be set?

Each week, pupils are expected to:

- Learn and practise their spellings.
- Practise their times tables.
- Read - we expect pupils to read to parents on a daily basis. There is a class based reward system that provides an incentive to read as often as possible at home.

In term 2 and term 5 there will be a project based on the history/geography topic.

On what days will homework go out?

Every Tuesday.

What assistance will my child need?

Ideally, you will provide support for your child when required but encourage them to complete as much work as possible independently. Clearly, there may be times that they need more help with projects in terms of research or organisation, for example, and this is actively encouraged. However, tempting though it may be to show off your inherent construction skills, please don't take over projects and do them yourselves! Parental help with spellings and tables is also very helpful. Ultimately, showing your child that you appreciate the value of homework, encouraging them to complete it and showing interest in their efforts is motivating in itself. Please read with and to your child as often as possible - it is honestly one of the most valuable things you can do for them.

Where do children complete their work?

Evidence of pupils practising their spellings and times tables should be seen in the pupils' homework books. Please use this book to communicate with us in note form if you wish. Times table practice may also be completed on online on TTRockstars.

Times table advice:

Pupils are expected to know all multiplication facts up to 12x12 by the end of the year. Focus on one set of facts at a time and move on when ready. Little and often really is the key here. Keep it fun and practise regularly and eventually it will sink in! Here are some ideas for practising at home:

- Stick post-it notes of the times table that you are learning on the wall and chant (e.g. one three is three, two threes are 6...). Remove one or two post-it notes at a time and keep chanting until they have all been removed
- Make digit cards of numbers 1-12 using bits of scrap paper. Place them face down. Turn one card over at a time and multiply it by the times table you are learning. Keep the card if you get it right, put it back if you get it wrong (can be played alone or with a parent/ sibling etc.)
- Throw and catch a bean bag/ ball with your child taking it in turns to chant (one three is three, two threes are six...)
- Online games, including Times Table Rockstars (log in details for your child's Rockstar Account are stuck in the inside cover of their homework books)
- 'Rock, Paper, Multiply': like Rock, Paper, Scissors but instead choose a number of fingers to show and then multiply your number of fingers by your partners fingers