



**Homework**  
**2016 - 2017**  
**Year 2**

## How much homework will your child have in Year 2?

In Year 2 our homework policy recommends **around an hour a week**. It will be set every Tuesday and should be returned the following Monday. Your child will be given a folder in which to keep their maths and grammar book as well as any spelling sheets. Homework in Year 2 will consist of:

### Reading

Your child should be beginning to get more confident at reading this year but, it is important that they are heard read frequently at home. They need to read at least 3 times a week at home for approximately 5 - 7 minutes a time. However please be guided by your child. Please sign your child's planner when you have heard them read and if possible write a comment on how they have got on. You can link your comments to one of the targets in the Year 2 booklet if you would like to! eg 'Sam read with lovely expression.' Or 'Sam could comment on the plot of the story.' Your child's planner will be checked every Monday and a sticker placed in it to show they have read at least 3 times. If you are able to hear your child read more than 3 times it will help make their progress more rapid. It is also important to read stories to your child still at this age. Each week your child will have a mixture of reading scheme books as well as a book of their choice from either the golden book list (in the back of the planner) or from the class library. These books may be more challenging for your child so please use as an opportunity to enjoy sharing together. Your child will also have access to the online resources on 'Reading Eggs.' Please feel free to use these to supplement the reading work your child does.



### Reading Comprehension

At the end of Year 2 your child will take national Key Stage 1 assessments commonly known as 'SATS.' One of these assessments is a reading assessment where your child will need to read a text and answer written questions about it. During the year your child's teacher will begin practicing this with your child. The more you can start asking your child questions about what they read using the questions at the back of the planner, the easier your child will find this process. At parents evening we will also have some examples of comprehension materials and the SATS meeting later in the year, which will also give you more information on this.

## Maths Homework

Every week your child will be set some maths tasks to complete from their Maths Workbooks the school has purchased for your child. There are two workbooks, one is a general maths book the other a mental maths. The pages chosen by your child's teacher will be supporting learning that has taken place in class. The slip that is stapled in the planner each week will clearly indicate the page numbers your child will need to complete. The national curriculum states that the 'expectation is that the majority of pupils will move through the programmes of study at broadly the same pace.' As such most children will have the same task to consolidate their learning but the level of understanding and support needed will vary. It is expected that the workbook will take approximately fifteen minutes to complete however some weeks this could be a little longer. **Please do not let your child go on and complete more of the book.** If you would like to purchase other books similar to the one your child will receive there will be some available at parents evening. In addition to this your child still has a Mathletics login. From time to time your child's teacher may set Mathletics tasks instead of the Maths Workbook, however this will be clearly identified on the slip in the planner.

After October half term, children in Year 2 will begin to learn times tables (x2,x5, x10). They will be assessed on these each week and this will be sent home for you to see how they are progressing and so you can continue to practise with them. Further information on this to follow later in the term.

## Grammar

At the end of Year 2 your child will take a grammar assessment as part of their Key Stage 1 assessments. Therefore every week your child will be set a page in their grammar book, which will link to work they have completed in class. It is expected this will take up to fifteen minutes to complete. Please only complete the page (s) that are set by the teacher.

## Take Home Tasks

Every term your child will be given a choice of four take home tasks to complete. These are all linked to the project of the term and will cover the different areas of the curriculum. The tasks are open ended and the children have freedom to complete in a way that suits them! One of the aims of a take home task is for families to enjoy sharing the learning of the term with their child and to help them create something that can be shared with their peers in class. The take home tasks will be set towards the start of a project and will have a deadline towards the end. It is expected these would take up to 2 hours over the term, this could be done a little each week or in one go, it is up to you! We will always try to include a visit somewhere for a family to enjoy should they wish. If your child would like to complete more than one task they may however there is no expectation they will! The take home tasks won't be formally 'marked' however they will be shared with the class and the teacher will write some feedback in your child's planner.



## Spellings

Every week your child will be given a spelling sheet containing 5 words from one of the spelling lists at the back of their planner or from words from their project their teacher would like them to be able to spell. These words are likely to be from the Reception or Key Stage 1 spelling list. Your child should practice writing these on the sheet - they may copy them and as they become more confident start covering them up.

As well as these words please select 5 words from the back of the planner that haven't been highlighted by your child's teacher. Each week you will be asked to select 5 different words. Please don't worry if your child takes longer than a week to master spelling a word. It is fine to repeat words if your child needs more practice. It is also useful to revisit words so they don't forget them. At the end of each term your child's teacher will re-assess your child's spelling and update the word list at the back by highlighting off the words your child can now spell. Please remember every child will progress through these words at a different pace! Your child will not be formally 'tested' on the words each week, however the teacher will assess how well your child is applying these words in their writing.

*If you have any questions about homework  
please do not hesitate to speak to your  
child's class teacher or to Mrs Muir, Key  
Stage 1 Leader.*

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