



Homework at EBPS – January 2022 Update

NEW Writing homework

For this half term, we are trialling a whole school writing homework stimulated by a picture. Every child (from Reception to Year 6) will receive a sticker with a picture on each Monday. They will spend a short time in their classroom discussing possible ideas for this and then at home, every child should write something in response!

In Reception, children could write some words or maybe even one sentence to go with the picture. By Year 6, children should be writing several paragraphs to accompany the picture. What children write is completely up to them; they could write a story, a description, a poem, a diary entry, a newspaper article, a playscript – the opportunities are endless! If you have more than one child in our school, please encourage them to discuss and work together on this at home and feel free to join in as parents too!

Each picture will be given on a Monday in the exercise book children brought home before Christmas. Children have one-week to do their writing, then should bring their book back in to school each Monday to share their writing and get the next week's picture. I will also email the picture to parents every Monday too.

The child in the class who the teacher determines has made the best effort with their writing homework will be chosen for Hot Chocolate Friday each week. Hopefully a good motivation!

NEW Maths homework

In addition, we are launching Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots as fun, engaging and interactive ways for children to practise their multiplication and other number skills at home. These packages are presented in a very child-friendly and motivational way and will allow teachers to track the progress children are making.

The research shows "little and often" is best which is why we are rewarding children for accessing the maths sites 5 days out of 7. Around 10 minutes practice, 5 days per week is the best way for children to learn and retain their learning. We don't want children spending hours in front of their screens on school work at the weekend, short, sharp practice is best!

Very soon, all Key Stage Two children will bring home their TT Rockstars username and log-in and will have this launched to them and trialled it in class. Imminently, all Key Stage One children will have their Numbots username and log-in and will have trialled it in class. Reception will receive theirs when they are ready later in the year.





Reading and spelling

Please continue to read with your child every day (or at least 5 times per week) and note this in their reading record book. We also welcome more reading volunteers in school to support with this.

Spelling Shed should continue as a way for practising spellings online – again, teachers monitor this and will be following up where they can see a child is not accessing.

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Maths	Reading	Spelling	Writing
<p>5 sessions (of around 10 minutes each) on Times Tables Rockstars or Numbots</p> 	<p>5 reads with an adult per week recorded in reading record book</p> 	<p>Complete at least 10 assignments (games) on spelling shed each week</p> 	<p>Write in response to the picture given each week. Spend around 10-30 minutes on this, depending on the age of the child.</p> 
<p>1 house point</p> <p>Certificates awarded weekly</p>	<p>3 house points</p>	<p>1 house point for every 10 assignments / games</p>	<p>Hot Chocolate Friday for the best effort in each class. House Point for everyone who completes the task</p>