

Phonics

We will send pictures on Dojo of the card for the letter sounds that we have taught that week. They will need to look at the letters, say the sounds and the rhyme as part of their daily reading homework.

The class teacher will also post words on Dojo that children can read. To begin with, an adult will need to say the sounds with them and show them how to speed up the sounds to blend the word. For example- c—a—t, c-a-t, cat. Once they are confident, they should be blending to read words independently.



Reading

From Week 3, your child will bring home a reading book matched to their phonics stage (following our Little Wandle scheme) and a home reading record. This will be the same book they use in school for reading practice. In the early weeks, books may be wordless. As your child learns to blend, they will bring home books with words.

Please read with your child for around 10 minutes daily and write a short comment in the reading record. **Both the book and reading record should be returned to school every day.** Books will be changed weekly, after being read three times, to support fluency. If a book is lost or damaged, we will ask for a small contribution towards the cost of replacement.

Your child will also choose a library book to enjoy at home with you. Talking about books together helps build a love of reading and develops vocabulary and understanding.

We'll be holding a Reading Information Meeting in September—please do come along to find out more.

Writing

At the start of the year, pupils will be encouraged to write or trace over the letters they have learned- forming them carefully. As they progress, they can write shopping lists, birthday cards, notes, etc. Later in the year pupils will be given specific homework to apply these skills.

Vocabulary

Talking with your child and having back and forth conversations is a fabulous way to improve their listening and language. We will be learning new words regularly and using these new words when speaking in sentences.

We will put these words on Dojo so that you can also use them at home with your child to support their language development.



Maths

Maths homework will link to class learning that week. We will begin with lots of counting, matching and sorting. The maths will be very practical and focus on acquiring a deep knowledge of each quantity. We will also focus on explaining our knowledge using maths vocabulary. Children will also have their own log in to access Numbots. Numbots certificates will be given out weekly.



Home learning books will be sent out each Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Why We Set Homework

Homework helps children practise what they've learned in school and build good learning habits. Research shows that short, focused homework tasks can make a positive difference, especially when they link to classroom learning.

In primary school, homework like reading, simple maths, or phonics helps build memory, confidence, and independence. It also gives you a chance to see what your child is learning.

Homework should never be a battle. If your child is finding it hard or getting upset, please talk to their teacher. We'll work with you to find a way that supports your child and keeps learning positive at home.

Homework for Pupils with SEND

We recognise that all children are different, and homework expectations will be adapted to meet the individual needs of pupils with SEND. For some children, homework may not be appropriate and will not be set. For others, tasks will be carefully adapted to ensure they are manageable, meaningful, and matched to the child's current learning targets.

Any adjustments are made in partnership with parents and aim to support learning without causing unnecessary stress or anxiety. While homework may look different for some pupils, we continue to hold high expectations for all children, focusing on progress and building independence at a pace that's right for them.

If you have any questions or feel your child needs a different approach to homework, please speak to the class teacher or SENCo.