



An explanation of homework in Sycamore Class

Homework will be gradually introduced throughout Term 1 once the children have settled.

Spellings in Year 1

Spellings are handed out on a Monday to be tested the following Monday. Children will be expected to learn a few spellings which follow a spelling rule and two words known as 'common exception words'. We ask that children carry out at least 1 spelling activity each week at home in their purple spelling book (guidance for these activities can be found on the website). When it comes to the test, if children score full marks in 3 consecutive weeks they will receive a Success Stamp.

Reading - Year 1

Reading is a very important part of Yr 1 homework. Please try to hear your child read as often as possible. To encourage this we give Success Stamps to Year 1's when they have read to an adult at home, and their Reading Record has been signed, three times in a week. This reading does not have to just be their school reading books. We encourage reading of any kind including recipes, magazines, information books or even game instructions. Reading Records will be checked once a week on a Monday morning.

Home Writing

As the term progresses we will introduce to the children a Home-Writing book. This will be brought home and is an optional homework. The idea is that children practise writing sentences and parents have a chance to do some writing with their children too. The sentences can be about anything. Some families like to write using spelling words or keywords, some write about

things the children are especially interested in and others write their news in it. Children are rewarded with House Points for the sentences that they write.

Maths homework – Year 1

Maths homework is set on a Thursday and should be handed in by the following Wednesday. This might take the form of a sheet which may require completing or cutting, sticking and colouring; or it might be a maths or numbers type game to play. If there are any problems please let us know as soon as possible.

We encourage children to show all working out especially when solving word problems. Pictures or sums are great, e.g.

If Mary has five sweets and she buys three more, how many will she have left?

$5+3=8$, or if they prefer pictures or jottings to show the calculation, this will be fine.

Please could all homework be recorded in pencil, thank you.

Homework should not take much more than 20 minutes, if it does, or if it becomes stressful, please stop and let us know - a note in the book or Reading Record will be fine.

Spot's Diary

In Term 2 we will also have a bag which contains Spot, our dog, a diary book and pencil case. This bag will be given to a different child throughout the year to take home overnight. Its purpose is to encourage your child to write a small diary entry and draw a picture at home about Spot's adventures with you. There is further information about this in the bag!

If you have any queries or concerns, please let us know and we will do our best to help.

Thank you
Mrs Chapman