

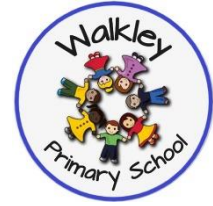
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Weekly Home Learning Year 1 to Year 6

Dear Parents / carers,

We wrote to you before the Christmas holidays to inform you of changes that would be made to the weekly home learning received by children in year 1 to Year 6 in light of information gathered through the parent and pupil voice. We are pleased to tell you that these changes are now in effect and children will be receiving their first activities to complete today (7.1.22)

In addition to regular reading at home, children will also receive weekly home learning activities to rehearse spelling patterns; to consolidate learning in maths and to further their learning in the creative curriculum.

Creative Curriculum Home Learning

Children will bring home a home learning book with a task sheet stuck in. There are six weeks of activities written on the sheet so children and parents can see in advance what the upcoming tasks will be. All the tasks are related to the creative curriculum theme the children are learning in school and will be a range of creative tasks across the weeks. Each Friday, the weekly task will be explained to the children and the home learning book will then be sent home. Children can use the home learning book to complete their task in. We ask that home learning books are returned to school by the following Wednesday so that work can be marked and books sent back home for the next week's tasks (handed out once again on a Friday). From time to time tasks may involve making models which can be brought in to school or some tasks may have an option to be completed online and submitted via google classrooms if this is the child's chosen method of completion. We believe these tasks will give the children the chance to put their creative minds to work and expand on their knowledge and understanding of the themes covered in school.

Opportunities will be given for children to showcase work produced in creative curriculum home learning during the weekly celebration assemblies.

Maths Home Learning

Maths home learning can be accessed through google classrooms. Every Friday, two google quizzes will be posted on the classroom. One of the quizzes will be easier (mild) and one will be a little more challenging (spicy). Children can choose the level of challenge that is right for them. The google quiz can be completed on a device (phone, iPad, laptop) by the child either selecting an answer from a multiple choice selection or typing in a correct response. Children may need to carry out some calculations on paper in order to answer the questions but these do not need to be submitted. Once the quiz is submitted, the children will be provided with instant feedback as the quiz will be marked showing any corrections. Quizzes will consolidate learning from the daily maths sessions and also cover elements of number work. Children have until the following Wednesday to complete their maths quiz.

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 are also encouraged to log on to TT Rockstars to rehearse multiplication facts and a link will be provide through Google Classrooms.

Spellings Home Learning

We have subscribed to Spelling Shed as a way of rehearsing weekly spellings for home learning. Each week your child will receive spellings to learn via the Spelling Shed programme based around the sounds and spelling rules that are being taught

in school that week. Children will bring home a letter containing their personal login details. After opening up [Spelling Shed](#), enter the login details. Children will then be able to press on 'play' and see the assigned spelling games. Once children have clicked on the assigned game, they can select a level to play at from 'easy' to 'extreme'. The harder the level, the more points they can earn for each correct word. Children can use any points earned to customise their own avatar. The link to Spelling Shed will also be posted on Google Classrooms.

Each weekly spelling task will involve the children completing at least three games. If they achieve this in the week, they will be rewarded with a tick on the spelling contract chart so as to continue on their own journey towards their spelling contract awards. Children can complete more than this if they wish. They will also be able to go back and practice spellings assigned on previous weeks as the term progresses in order to consolidate learned spellings.

The weekly spellings will also be revisited throughout the week in school and will be reviewed through a weekly spelling test on Friday.

We hope your child enjoys this updated approach to home learning and we look forward to sharing the work they produce. Thank you in advance for the support we know you will need to give to your child whilst adapting to this change in home learning format.

Kind regards

Mrs Leverton
Acting Deputy Headteacher