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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 1 Homework at Archibald

We are writing to let you know about homework in Year 1 for 2020-21.

Homework Book:

The aims of the homework book are;

- Homework is valued by the children, school and home.
- To keep homework together and ensure high standards of presentation.
- To provide a place to record work, and comments from home.

Expectations and Routines:

Homework will be sent out on a **Friday**.

Homework is to be returned to school on the **following Tuesday**.

- Families are responsible for ensuring homework books are in school on the relevant days.
- On return to school, staff will collect books in and all homework completed will be stamped and acknowledged. Homework will not be marked in depth. Common misconceptions will be addressed in class with the children.
- If you have a query about homework, we ask that you come into school and discuss it with the teacher in person.
- Whilst we encourage you to record comments in the homework books regarding your child's understanding and completion of the task, please note that this should not be seen as a means of communication between home and school.

Homework:

Reading: We strongly encourage children to read on a daily basis, both school reading books and books of their own choice, to further develop their love of books and reading.

Reading books should be brought into school every day and will be changed according to the Year 1 system. Every child also reads on a weekly basis with a member of staff in a guided reading session.

Reading books will be sent home on a Monday and returned on a Thursday. Please see the separate letter that provides further guidance for reading.

You and Me Tasks – fortnightly or half termly project: This is a task or project for you to do with your child.

Maths – fortnightly: This will be a piece of maths work or a maths challenge. It may be a piece of written work, a problem solving activity, practical experience or mental maths work to support your child's mathematical knowledge and understanding of numbers. Please see the non-negotiables that form the basis of our maths homework.

<http://www.archibaldfirstschool.org.uk/parents-information/support-topics/>

Spelling: There is a strong focus on children learning, and most importantly applying, their spellings within the new curriculum. Spellings, word patterns and spelling rule activities will be sent home on a weekly basis with the words and number of spellings dependent on your child's needs. Within their literacy session on a Friday, the children will have a quiz to see which words they can spell from those sent home. Please make this as fun as possible, for example, writing the words with magnetic letters, alphabet spaghetti, or displaying the words around your home.

Handwriting: Weekly, we will send home a short handwriting activity sheet to support your child's letter formation and presentation. Please note that handwriting practise does not need to be returned to school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Turner and Mr Bourke

Ideas for making spellings interesting

Write the words 3 times each	Write the words with silly letters	<i>Rainbow write the words</i>
Write the words with blue vowels and red consonants	How fast can you write the word? Are you quicker than an adult helper?	Write the words in bubble writing
http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/literacy/index.htm	Make the words with alphabet spaghetti or using magnetic letters	Make a rhyme up to help you remember it: <i>Because – big elephants can't always use small exits</i>

<p>Counting in steps of 1, 2, 5 or 10: 5x Drop 5 pence coins into a tin and count in fives; 5, 10, 15... Use 1p, 2p or 10p coins for these tables. How fast can you do it? Can you count backwards?</p>	<p>Pick a domino – can you add the two sides together, subtract one number from the other or multiply them? How quickly can you do this?</p>	<p>Know your x3 Double the answers to find x6 $4 \times 3 = 12$ 12 doubled equals $4 \times 6 = 24$</p>
<p>Try Doodlemaths https://www.doodlemaths.com/</p>	<p>http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/index.html</p>	<p>Playing Cards Play cards as a family – matching pairs, pick cards to make a given total, add or multiply two cards together</p>
<p>Look for patterns... If you know your two times table – double the answer to know your four times table too! Double the answer again and you know your eight times table. $2 \times 2 = 4$ Double 4 = 8 which is 2×4</p>	<p>Invest in a maths CD and listen to it in the car or at bedtime. Learning to music is very effective!</p>	<p>Great ways of learning about money: <i>Count the money in your money box</i> <i>Ask an adult to show you their change – Can you recognise the coins? Pick three and find the total.</i> <i>Pay for items in a shop.</i></p>

TOP TIP: Wear an analogue watch to start to learn the time. Ask your child what time it is throughout the day and encourage them to look at analogue and digital clocks as you tell them the time.

**Maths ideas, tricks for learning your tables
and maths links for games**

