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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 2 Homework at Archibald

We are writing to let you know about homework in Year 2 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 their school books on a daily basis, in addition to reading books of their own choice to further develop their love of books. Reading books should be brought into school every day in case your child is asked to read with an adult. Where possible we will try to read with each child on a weekly basis, either in a guided reading session or well as reading 1-1 with an adult in school.

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

You and Me Tasks – half termly project: This is a project for your child to undertake at home, with you, to support their topic work in school. This can be produced in any format and does not need to be recorded in their homework books.

Maths – weekly: This will either be a piece of written maths work, a maths game or a maths challenge such as a problem solving activity, practical experience or mental maths work to support your child's knowledge of numbers, facts or counting. Please see the non-negotiables that form the basis of our maths homework.

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

A half termly challenge will may also be set focusing on a key maths skill.

Please use Times Table Rockstars at home to support with multiplication facts. Each child has their own login.

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 phonics session on a Friday the children will have a quiz to see which words they can spell from those sent home. Please make practising these 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