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Dear Parents and Carers

Years 3 and 4 Homework at Archibald

We are writing to let you know about homework in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) 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**.

- The children will be responsible for ensuring their homework book is 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 parents have a query about homework, we ask that they come into school and discuss it with the teacher in person.
- Whilst we encourage parents to record comments in the homework books regarding their 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:

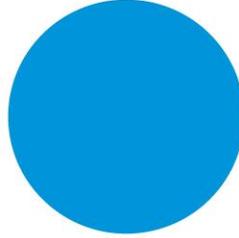
Reading: We strongly encourage children to read on a daily basis, both school reading books and books of their own choice, to further develop their love of books and reading.

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

The Key Stage 2 system involves the children selecting and changing their own books from allocated boxes; on occasions, staff may need to do this for them. Every child reads on a weekly basis with a member of staff in a guided reading session in addition to their reading throughout the curriculum.

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Half termly project: This is a project for children to undertake at home, with you, to support their topic work in school; information will be placed in the homework book at the start of term. This project work can be in any format and doesn't have to be recorded in the homework book.

Maths: This weekly homework will 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 mathematical knowledge, understanding and application. Please see the non-negotiables that form the basis of our maths homework.

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

Each half term, your child will also be reminded of the times table and division facts which they need to be able to recall rapidly.

Please use Times Table Rockstars at home to support with this. 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 literacy sessions, the children will have a quiz to see which words they can spell from those sent 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

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