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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 2021-22.

#### 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.

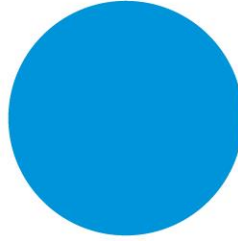
Reading books should be brought into school every day and will be changed according to the Year 1 system.

Every child also reads on a weekly basis with a member of staff in a guided reading session.

**Reading books will be sent home and changed weekly. Please see the separate letter that provides further guidance for reading.**

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**Maths – weekly:** This will be a piece of maths work or challenge that will be linked to the work that the children have completed in school. 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.

**Maths Challenge – Half termly:** This is an additional maths challenge that is linked to the key concepts for year 1. Each half term the children will be given a set of challenges that increase in difficulty based on a bronze, silver and gold system. The maths challenge is not something that needs to be handed into the class teacher but is something that the children can practise during the whole half term.

Please see the non-negotiables that form the basis of our maths homework.  
<http://www.archibaldfirstschool.org.uk/parents-information/support-topics/>

**Spelling - weekly:** 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.

Kind regards

Year 1 Team

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