

September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Homework is an important part of your child's academic development. It helps support and consolidate the work your child is doing at school and gives you the chance to become involved in the learning process. The expectations for Year 1 are as follows:

Reading

Please ensure you are reading with your child **5x a week**. It is important that you sign and comment in your child's reading record as this will enable us to track your child's progress and change books accordingly. Books are changed every **Monday and Thursday** but books and reading records will need to be in school every day so we can read with your child at school.

It may feel that there is not enough time in the day, but reading with your child doesn't have to be time consuming. Spending just ten minutes a day reading with your child can make a real difference!

Phonics

Phonics is taught daily in school. However, it is important that children practise the sounds they have learned. Every Monday, children will be given the sounds they are being taught that week and will be tested the following **Monday** on their ability to spell words containing these sounds. Ensure your child is well prepared by spending time looking at these sounds and practise reading and spelling the suggested words on the list.

If you are unsure how to pronounce the sounds, here is a link to a website showing you how <https://www.lesleyclarkesynteticphonics.co.uk/index.php/parents/125-articulation-of-phonemes>

Grid

In this folder, you will find a homework grid for the autumn term. Children should aim to complete all tasks by **Monday 14th December**. Please note the homework that should be handed in **Friday 18th September**!

Maths

Numbots is a great website to help children learn number facts and practice maths skills. Please allow your child to go on Numbots at least **3x a week** as this will really help your child build confidence and speed with recalling number facts. You can find login details at the front of their reading record.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions about your child's homework, please email me via our class email address: year1@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk.

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