



Swans Class Homework – Autumn Term 2020



Hello there,

Thank you for supporting your child with their learning at home. This year, homework is going to take a different format to that of last year. The homework expectations have been shared with the children so they know what they need to do at home. Work will be emailed home and there will not be a requirement to send work back into school. You will not need to print anything out as such, however if you feel you need a hard copy of anything, please let me know.

- 1. READING** – this is SO important! Children are required to read at home for approximately 15-20 minutes, five times a week. This could be their AR book, a book at home, poetry, newspapers or magazines, a form of electronic media etc. Please ensure most of these sessions are supported by an adult where you could discuss the text your child is reading.
- 2. SPELLINGS** – these will be provided weekly and will link to the spellings that the children are doing in class. They will know which set of spellings they need to learn (if not, please ask!) There is some information about different ways to practise at the back of the spelling pages. Small chunks of regular exposure will support your child's learning of these – maybe ten minutes or so a day.
- 3. TIMES TABLES** – as you are probably aware, the Year 4 children will take a statutory times table test at the end of this academic year, so times tables revision and practise is really important. The target is for your child to be able to **instantly recall** rather than work out the answer for all times tables up to 12x12. All the children have a log in to Times Table Rock Stars which will support them in learning at their level (it is driven by algorithms) and will encourage the development of speed of answer. In addition, I have provided a handy 'tips booklet' which suggests ideas to practise and ways to remember different times tables. Nothing beats just lots and lots of practise. As with spellings, small chunks of regular exposure, preferably each day will be beneficial. This is great on car journeys!
- 4. KEY INSTANT RECALL FACTS** – every half term one of these pages will be sent home for children to practise these. Again, the target is for **instant recall** and for the child to just 'know' that $12+7=19$ or $18-5=13$ rather than to calculate it.
- 5. MATHS WITH PARENTS** – this was a website that we used during lockdown for you to complete maths activities with your child. The areas of learning will be linked to those they are completing at school. The website is: <https://mathswithparents.com/> and you will need to have registered with the code **472128** for Swans class.

Thank you again for supporting your child. Please ask if you have any questions concerning homework and I will do my best to help.

With kind regards,

Mrs Litchfield