

## Home learning in Class 1

How is homework checked and valued?

As with all learning, this varies depending on the type of response.

### Reading

- Reading is checked in the Love Reading records and we do appreciate parent comments as these help us to really understand how your child is doing at home. We welcome children to record their favourite word/name of character in their Love Reading books, along with a comment letting the Teachers know their feelings about the book.

### Maths

- My Maths is checked online as Teachers can log in and see the results/patterns of errors etc for each child. They then address any gaps in their teaching.
- TT Rockstars gives teachers a score. This is evidence of how confident children are with each times table. The government expectation is that children should know all their times tables by Year 4 when they must sit an online test. Although we are mindful about encouraging too much online learning at home, children do have to sit the Yr 4 Times Table Test as part of our accountability to the DfE, and this test is accessed through an online portal. For that reason, children need to practise their keyboard skills so that they can type quickly enough in a timed test.
- Please see the back of this book for My Maths and TT Rockstars logins.

### Creative Enquiry

- The creative homeworks are often on display/photographed as part of children's evidence of independent learning - and house points given as a reward. Class 1 are also working hard to receive individual reward chart stickers for independent learning both in and outside of class. It is this type of home learning that genuinely excites the children and fills them with pride, so do please get involved in helping your child's creativity. There shouldn't be any huge expense involved here. Generally, the most simple but enterprising contributions are the best. I look forward to seeing these soon!

### Spellings

- Spellings are checked by ensuring that they transfer accurately to children's writing in their classroom context, and there are clear expectations for specific words at each Key Stage. Spellings will be set in line with where the children are in their learning. There may be spelling tests if appropriate, but teachers know a great many innovative ways to check spelling, and these are more engaging than a test. In all cases, it is so important that spelling is not a barrier to ideas, as children need to be able to free up brain space for the flow of their imagination/knowledge into their writing. We don't want them to be stopped in their tracks by anxiety over spellings.

What if homework is a source of conflict?

As always, talk to your class teacher if you are experiencing difficulties with your child's homework. No child should suffer any anxiety over their home learning, and it should not be a trigger for confrontation at home. We just need to know about any difficulties so we can help. It is not acceptable for your child to opt out of home learning, as so much of it is designed to consolidate their understanding, practise skills and prepare them for class learning. No-one wants any child to be disadvantaged and we all want our children to feel confident and ready to learn. As always, we thank you for your support in this.

Please do discuss any questions you may have in regard to the children's home learning.