

# Northbourne CE (A) Primary School



## Homework in Robin, Wren and Nightingale classes

**Information for  
parents**



### **Aims of homework**

**At Northbourne, we believe that homework should:**

**Help children extend and build on the learning taking place in the classroom**

**Help parents and family members play a full and active role in their child's education**

# Homework in Robin, Wren and Nightingale classes

## In Robins, Wrens and Nightingales, your child will receive...

### Maths homework

Around 15 minutes per week

- Pupils will be assigned specific, personalised games and activities through the Mathletics website ([www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)) to practise and consolidate classroom learning. Your child will record their username and password for this website at the front of their reading diary.
- Activities will be set on Sunday and need to be completed by the start of the following Sunday. The website shows teachers when the work is completed and how pupils have got on.
- Sometimes, mathletics will not have an appropriate task for children to use to consolidate their in-class learning. On these occasions, a different activity—such as a game or worksheet— will be sent home.
- Increasingly, Y2 pupils will also be set activities to complete on the Times Table Rockstars website; log in details for this will be provided by maths teachers.

### Home learning project—1 project a year

30 minutes per week

- A longer piece of work to be completed over a number of weeks.
- Where it would be beneficial for children to practise specific skills as part of a project (for example, writing), guidance will be provided by the class teacher.
- Home learning is not a competition! All work produced will be valued and celebrated with the child.
- Please use home learning time as a chance to support your child to develop any aspects of the project they are interested in.

### Weekly spellings

5 minutes per day

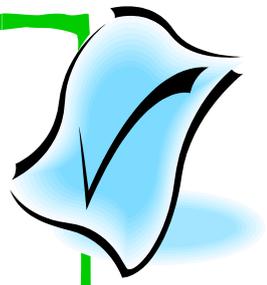
- A set of spellings, linked to phonic patterns and common exception words, will be sent home on Tuesday in reading diaries and tested the following week (also on Tuesday).
- These should be looked at, any relevant rule discussed, and the words practised at home ready for the child's test each week.

### Reading (see also separate letter)

5—10 minutes per day

- Children are encouraged to read part of their reading scheme book to an adult every evening.
- It is really helpful for class teachers if this is recorded in reading diaries, along with any comments.
- These books can be changed by children and parents from the central stock in The Hub. Your child's class teacher will let you know which colour band to choose from. Please see the Reading in Key Stage One letter for more information.

## What feedback will I receive about the homework completed?



- It is helpful to teachers to have a short comment when a child has struggled with homework, or found it especially easy. Please drop a brief note to your child's teacher if they have any problems with any homework.
- Teachers will try to respond to any such comments, either through a brief written response or through a discussion at the start or end of the school day. Please keep in mind that your child will not be asked to complete any work at home which they haven't been introduced to in class.
- It is helpful to have comments from home about aspects of reading which are going well or proving a struggle; please use the home-school reading diary to record these.
- All home learning work is valued. A certificate explaining the good aspects of the work will be given to each child. Parents and family members will be invited into school for a special event to look at the range of home learning projects produced.

## How can I help my child with their homework?

- Ensure that your child has time and quiet space to complete their homework.
- If possible, tackle homework as soon as possible. This will allow time to speak to your child's class teacher if there are any problems.
- Talk to your child about the methods they have been learning in class—especially in maths. We know that the way maths is taught is different to how many of us were taught, but your child will not be asked to complete any work they have not been practising in school. If, after discussion, your child still struggles with this, speak to the teacher the next day.
- Keep us informed about any problems with homework—whether these are related to the activity or the timescale, we are happy to provide advice or allow extra time for work to be completed when asked in advance.
- Similarly, let teachers know about any successes to allow these to be shared and celebrated in class.

**Remember, teachers are more than happy to discuss any problems and provide any further advice needed...keep us informed!**

**If you would like to clarify any information in this leaflet, or discuss anything further, please speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs. Alleway, our Assistant headteacher with responsibility for Key Stage One, or Mr. Shaughnessy.**

**Throughout the year we will run workshops looking at aspects of our curriculum, such as phonics and maths, and these will explain more about how parents can help support the learning of their child at home. If you have any suggestions for workshops which would be especially helpful, please let Mr. Shaughnessy know.**

