



Newport Church of England Junior School

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*Learning to make a difference through God's love.
Jesus said, 'Love one another as I have loved you' John 13:34*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Homework

We are writing to ask for your support in trialling a new approach to homework at Newport CE Junior School. The vision behind this is enabling families to have the time to engage meaningfully in homework to ensure retention, to allow families the opportunity to use time flexibly to ensure children experience a broad range of activity and to support teacher workload.

We will be trialling a 'half termly' approach to homework rather than weekly. At the start of a half term you will receive a guide to what the children are being asked to complete over the half term (an example is included overleaf).

MATHS HOMEWORK

The children aren't expected to hand anything in on a weekly basis; if you wish to use the homework book for recording you are welcome and this will be looked at at the end of the half term period.

We hope that as a family you will be able to engage in the learning focus through games, challenges, quizzes and online activity. We hope that the learning focuses will help to embed key mathematical skills in your child.

Times Tables Rockstars will continue to run with challenges set by your teacher and the need to achieve 'in battle'!

SPELLINGS

A list of spellings will be sent home for the half term. Two lists will be produced for each year group and the teacher will inform your child which list they should focus on. We would like you to complete a range of spelling activities; play games, complete quizzes or get them to produce pieces of extended writing using the spelling words. A test/review will take place at the end of the half term in school with the class teacher so they can see how they are doing. We hope that this approach will ensure that the spellings are consistently spelt with accuracy by your child.

READING

We would still expect children to read at least three times a week at home. We encourage children to read a range of genres and to read aloud to practise skills of confidence, fluency and expression. Please record reading in your child's reading diary and this will be checked weekly by school staff. Reading diaries and reading books must be in school everyday.

OTHER

There may be other tasks that a year group may ask to be completed during a half term: it could be something related to the topic being covered. This will be communicated at the start of a half term with a completion date.

We will ask for your thoughts on this system of issuing homework at May half term after it has run for two half terms and will then review how we proceed.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs N Moody
Head teacher

Mr L Boardman
Chair of Governors