



## Homework and Home Learning – Year 1



Homework is not statutory and there is no requirement to complete a set amount each week. Our minimum expectation is that all children should read regularly, ideally every day. In addition, spelling and mental/oral maths practise is also important and homework for these two areas will also be set regularly from Year 1 onwards.

### **Reading (All year groups)**

At Summerlea we promote reading for pleasure and enjoyment. We want all children to love reading and be able to talk about books they have enjoyed or learned from. We expose children to different types of books, styles and authors. Reading and understanding a full range of text types and authors will not only bring pleasure but can also develop comprehension, spelling and writing skills. We ask parents to encourage their children to share and talk about texts with them, visit your local library, hear them read, read to them and enjoy the time you spend together sharing a love of books.

In Key Stage 2, children have access to Accelerated Reader. After an initial assessment, children will be suggested a book level to choose from that will allow them to develop their fluency and comprehension. Children will be encouraged to select and read a book, and as soon after finishing take a 'quiz' on their book that will check understanding and comprehension. Children are encouraged to 'quiz' in school, however children can access the quiz section outside of school times using their personal log on details and go through the Accelerated Reader link on our school website/ your child's Class Dojo page. Children are then able to work towards an individual target each half term.

### **Spellings (Key Stage 1)**

5 words will be given out every week in a small yellow book. The spellings will be from the pattern that is being taught that week. The children will practise these spellings in school and we ask that you also spend some time practising them at home too. We will test the children on this spelling pattern each week. For information, the common exception words for your child's year group will also be attached to the front of their spelling book.

### **Maths (Key Stage 1 and 2)**

We encourage the practising of key mental maths skills and would like children to practise their number bonds, doubling and halving and multiplication tables. More practise will lead to better retention!

All children will be set online maths homework each week, on MyMaths.co.uk. Regularly completing these online lessons and tasks will help your child consolidate learning and deepen their understanding of each area of maths. Please try to find time to explore this excellent resource with your child. Children will be sent home with login details and instructions. If your child is unable to access MyMaths at home, please inform your class teacher.

### **Early Years Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1**

As a school, we have invested in the 'Numbots', educational, online platform. We would encourage children to use these platforms little and often, with your support where necessary. Numbots is a robot-immersed game, with the aim of developing children's understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction. Children will be sent home with login details and instructions.

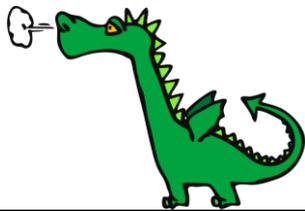
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### 6 things to try before the Easter holiday...

In addition, and in the same vein as the National Trust's '50 things to do before you are 11 ¾' we provide 6 suggested activities, linked to the year group topic, your child might like to have a go at during the course of a half term. The suggestions are simply that; ideas to get you and your child thinking about fun and creative ways into exploring learning themes.

#### 1. Dragons

Can you find a book about dragons? This could be at home or from your local library. Can you look up some dragon facts on the internet? What can you find out...?



#### 2. Recipes!

Can you follow a recipe to make something at home? Can you help an adult make dinner? How could you record this?



#### 3. Does it float or does it sink?

Choose 10 objects from around your house and predict whether they will float or sink. With adult supervision test them out in the sink or bath.



#### 4. Design your dream pet

Can you draw, paint or make your dream pet? You could bring it in to show your class! Perhaps you could also write about how to care for it.



#### 5. Circuits

Can you create your own fitness circuit? Think about which exercises you want to include that will work your whole body! Can you repeat this circuit each week and see if you notice a difference in your fitness level?



#### 6. Clever counting

Can you practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s? What will you count and how will you count?



***If you think of any more topic related tasks to do feel free!  
We'd love to hear about, look at and learn from them.***