

The **writing task** will usually be based on the letters we are reinforcing in the *Read Write Inc.* scheme we use for reading and writing. This should take about 10 minutes, perhaps a little more if your child has to draw a picture.

The **maths task** will normally be a reinforcement of concepts and skills being covered in class at that time. This should take about 10 minutes, and should ideally be done by the child alone. Check the work with the child and allow them to correct any errors themselves. If they have difficulty, let them use counters or objects to help them in the calculation, or a number line or hundred square.

General Points

Please praise and encourage your child whenever they deserve it! If the child is reluctant to sit down and do the homework, use star charts or prizes to motivate them. If you have any problems, please ring and arrange an appointment or a telephone conversation with us, Miss Rebecca or Mr. Ian.



Year 1 is the perfect time for children to get into the habit of working at home. Please take their little assignments seriously and ensure that they complete them to the best of their ability. Please do not make excuses for them and see that their tasks are handed in on time.!!

Homework
in Year 1

$9 + \square = 10$

$12 - 4 = \square$

$14 - 5 = \square$

Year 1 Homework

Year 1 marks the beginning of a more formal style of learning and children at this age need to adjust to the demands of a more structured curriculum. This is a gradual process in which learning to read, write and do simple written mathematical calculations are a key part. To this end, a small amount of written homework on a regular basis helps them to get into a routine of working at home and more independently – it is also a great chance for you as parents to praise your child when they complete a task well, and to take an interest in what they are doing in school. Nothing motivates children more than a “well done” from Mum or Dad!



Reading

The main focus of homework in Year 1 is reading. Parental involvement in the process of learning to enjoy books enriches the experience hugely. We would encourage every child to spend at least 10 minutes per day reading with a parent or other adult. In class we will do regular assessments of each child to determine when is the right moment for each child to begin taking reading books home – this will vary according to the maturity of the child.

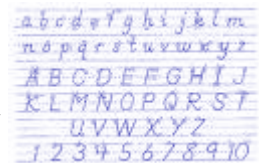
Please continue to share books with your child every day even if they have not reached this point yet! Here are some ideas to help you help them appreciate books, both when reading your own books and school reading books. Choose a comfortable place to read without distractions (no TV!), and ENJOY.

- * Talk to your child – Tell them stories about your family, or invent stories!
- * Make reading fun – Do different voices for different characters, use puppets.
- * Read every day - Keep the reading routine going, and read signs, names etc.
- * Set an example – Let the child see you reading and treating books with care.
- * Talk about books – Discuss what you’ve shared, likes and dislikes.
- * Listen to your child read – It’s great for Dad, Mum or grandparents to help.
- * Show that you value your child's efforts – Give lots of praise.

Your child will have a *Reading Record*, with the book, so please write a comment telling us how they have read, and noting any difficulties.

Written tasks

Twice a week, we will send home a written sheet for your child to complete, one Maths, one writing.



Please make sure your child has the right materials readily available (pencil, rubber, colours), and that there is a quiet, comfortable place for them to work. Encourage them to work neatly and to do their best. Get into a routine about when and where homework sheets are done, so your child doesn’t leave it until the last minute.