

At the beginning of the year all the multiplication tables learnt in Year 3 will be revised and later on new tables will be set to learn. Please make sure your child knows the tables "muddled up" and as divisions as well as just learning them in order.

Please note that work not finished in class and sent home to be completed is not counted as homework.

Here are some useful web sites to help consolidation of concepts or just for FUN!

www.ictgames.com (for maths and literacy)

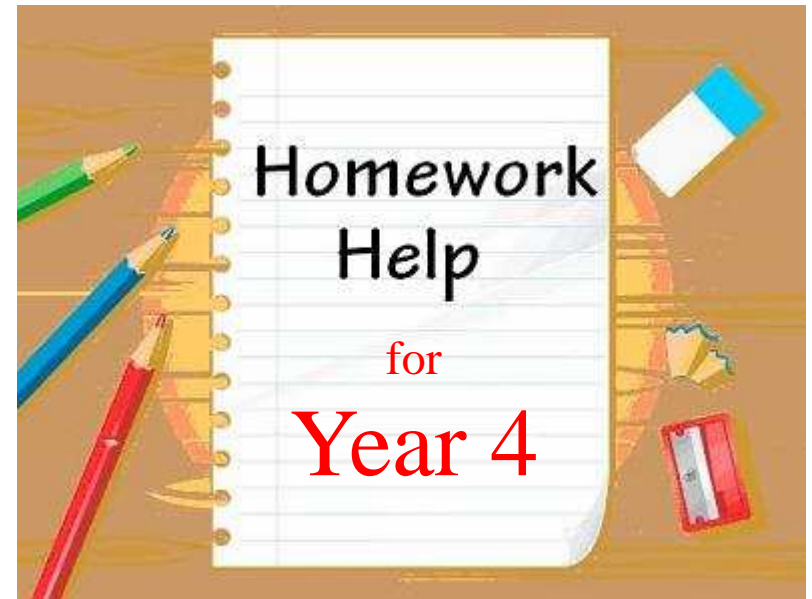


www.firstschoolyears.com (for work on all curriculum areas)



Please remind your child to always complete their tasks to the best of their ability and as neatly as possible.

*Thank you for your help,
from Miss Julianne*



WHY DO WE GIVE HOMEWORK?

We like parents to take an active part in the children's learning. The involvement of the parents in their children's homework is an extremely useful tool and an important part of their education, as well as being an excellent way to cement bonding. By being available to sort out problems, to test on work learnt for a test and/or to check through written work, parents provide the necessary support so that the child feels that they are not alone in the learning process. It also gives parents the chance to be more aware of the contents of the Year 4 programme of study and provides an opportunity to give extra support if necessary.

WHEN DOES MY CHILD HAVE HOMEWORK?

In Year 4 homework is set every day. You will be informed later which subjects will be set on which day as this varies from year to year. An average of about 30 minutes should be spent every day, preferably on the same day as the work is set, when the teacher's explanation is freshest in the child's mind. This time does not, of course, take into account time spent on reading. **YOUR CHILD SHOULD READ IN ENGLISH EVERY DAY.** In normal circumstances the work should be handed in 2 or 3 days after it is set. Any failure to do this should be accompanied by a note from the parent.

WHERE SHOULD MY CHILD WORK AT HOME?

It is advisable to set aside a particular place and time for the homework to be done each day. This should be in a quiet area, away from distractions. A parent or parent substitute should be on hand in case help is needed and to check all the work has been done.

WHAT'S NEEDED?

All homework should be completed in pencil in the appropriate books. In some cases sheets will need to be stuck into the books. Please make sure your child has a glue stick to be able to do this. Also provide a ruler, a rubber, scissors and crayons as some of the activities will involve cutting, sticking and colouring.

A children's [English dictionary](#) is also essential for certain exercises.

WHAT HOMEWORK IS GIVEN IN YEAR 4?

The homework will consist of reading and comprehension, handwriting, spelling, English and mathematics.

Reading and comprehension: The children will continue with the previous year's books. They should read aloud (this is in addition to any daily reading) so that pronunciation errors can be eradicated early on and the person who listens to the reading should sign the reading record. All comprehension questions must be answered in **FULL SENTENCES** to help the children to improve their ability to express themselves in English.

Handwriting: The sheet should be copied exactly in joined up handwriting.

Spelling: The words practiced for handwriting should be learnt for a test.

English: This will vary from week to week but will either be based on the work already covered in class or will be a revision of basic grammar. In either case the teacher will have already explained the work

Mathematics: This, again, will not be new work but a consolidation or continuation of the previous week's work. If you have any difficulties with how mathematics is taught in the English system (there are certain differences) the teacher will be pleased to help clarify them).