



## Homework Guidance

At Tannery Drift First School, we do not want homework to dominate home and school life. We accept that not every activity will capture children and parents' imagination and that weekends can sometimes be busy. We believe that home learning should be enjoyable and manageable for all concerned and that if it becomes a chore/burden/source of conflict it ceases to be a constructive aspect of teaching and learning.

We do not specify amounts of time that must be spent on a task, preferring individual children and families to set their own routines. Individual teachers are happy to give advice.

We hope the children are motivated by positive incentives and by the tasks themselves; children are not reprimanded if they fail to complete work. However teachers will monitor home learning and when necessary discuss this with the child and their parents. We hope to work in partnership with parents/carers to support children's learning and progress.

### Our routines and expectations

#### READING

Research shows that learning to read - and a love of reading - is directly linked to children's success at school and beyond, so achieving a good balance of reading for enjoyment and skills practice is essential. It is not just about listening to children read their school reading book every day, but daily sharing of texts; talking about books, words and pictures, and retelling stories together are all vital in facilitating a love of books and reading.

We ask that parents/carers write a record in their child's Reading Record Book at least three times weekly.

#### SPELLING

Reception and Key Stage 1 will receive regular spelling lists to practise at home. Key Stage 2 are taught spelling rules within weekly spelling lessons. Children will then be set weekly spelling tasks, via Spelling Shed, to complete at home.

#### TIMES TABLES

Below are the expectations for the end of each year group. We encourage the use of the many free apps and websites that are available to help children become more confident and proficient at learning and using their timestables.

##### Year 1:

Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Recall and use all doubles to 10 and corresponding halves.

##### Year 2:

Count in multiples of 2, 3, 5 and 10 from any number, forwards and backwards. Recall and use multiplication and division facts for 2, 5 and tens multiplication tables.

##### Year 3:

Count in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100 from any number, forwards and backwards. Recall and use multiplication and division facts for 3, 4, and 8 multiplication tables.

##### Year 4:

Count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1000 from any number, forwards and backwards. Recall and use multiplication and division facts for all multiplication tables up to 12x12.

#### WORKOUT BOOKS

Workout books provide quick-fire practice Maths questions, which are presented in a fun and friendly style. These may be purchased for Years 1-4.

#### 100 THINGS TO DO WHILST AT TANNERY DRIFT FIRST SCHOOL

To enrich children's time while they are with us we have written '100 Things to do whilst at Tannery Drift First School', which includes a wide range of activities, many of which are suitable for families to enjoy together. Children are invited to bring in photos or share their experiences of the activities in school.

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS

If you are concerned that your child cannot access the spellings or reading material that they have been given, please speak to their class teacher.