



Fir Tree Junior School Homework for Year 5

We use homework as a way of building on and strengthening the learning we cover in school. The expectations for homework for our class are to read daily; practice our spellings and times tables.

Homework in our class is set on Tuesday and is to be returned on the following Monday. We welcome any 'Surprise me Homework' (this is any work your child might like to do to link with our project during the term).

From Term 2, we will be using Microsoft Teams to set our homework. Please log in using your username and password; follow the instructions for your homework and complete the work in your homework book. If you prefer a paper copy of the homework, please let your teacher know.

Reading

We encourage children to read at home, independently or with an adult. This should be a combination of reading with and reading to your child and can include a range of reading materials, e.g. recipes, timetables, poems, newspapers as well as comics and storybooks. Please record the daily reading shared at home in the back of the Homework Book - a minimum of 4 entries a week.

Spelling

Each week we will be learning spelling patterns and rules that enable us to acquire the new National Curriculum Year 5 and 6 spellings, as well as any other words they are finding challenging; to support this, the children are encouraged to record each of the spellings into a sentence in their homework book and then practise these spellings so that they feel confident with spelling the words. These are due in every Monday.

Times tables

To help your child learn their times tables, we suggest they practise approximately 2 or 3 times a week using a range of approaches. For example writing them out in order, chanting, dice and card games and ICT, such as 'Hit the Button' or TT Rockstars.

Project Homework

As part of their project, children will generate a bank of possible homework ideas to explore at home which will form part of their display in project sharing afternoons. If children would like any resources or support with these in school, please see your child's class teacher.

Surprise Me Homework

We encourage and support "Surprise Me" homework, in which children can further explore any learning and direct their own inquiry and interest (this may or may not be linked to school). If you have any queries about homework please come and see us and we will be more than happy to help.

Useful links:

- <https://trockstars.com/> - TTRockstars Times tables
- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - Hit the button maths games
- <https://www.timestables.co.uk/> - times table games
- <https://www.mathsisfun.com/tables.html> - times table games
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/ma13tabl-game-tables-grid-find> - times table games
- www.conkermaths.org - developing maths fluency
- www.oxfordowl.co.uk - access to free e-books, maths games and activities
- www.chidlrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk - lots of learning activities on all subjects
- www.conkermaths.org - developing maths fluency

- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize - help for homework and learning in lots of curriculum areas

- <https://readtheory.org/auth/login> - Reading Comprehension Questions

If you have any queries about any of the homework your child receives, please get in touch via the contact us box on the class page.