



SHIRE OAK
C of E (VC) Primary School

Homework Leaflet

Year 5

Spring 1st Half

Name:

Homework project due in by:

Monday 13th March

Children work hard at school and they need time in the evenings and weekends to play and learn in different ways. They need time to take part in family activities and also to be able to join community organisations and teams.

Homework is of most benefit to the learner when it is a chance to:

- Talk about learning with parents and carers
- Apply learning in a practical context
- Spend time on practising facts and skills that need a lot of repetition
- Make choices and decisions

Essential Weekly Homework

These three homework tasks should be done every day or as often as you possibly can:

1. Reading

Children in KS1 and some children in KS2 have a school reading book. They start by reading to their grown-ups who will write a comment in the reading journal. As

children get more confident it may be that instead they discuss the book with an adult who can ask them questions



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Questions for Reading Comprehension

Remember always: P.E.E.

- Make your *point*
- Refer to *evidence*
- Explain what you mean

General

- What do you think and feel about what you have read?
- Who is this writing intended for?
- What is the purpose of this writing?
- Who wrote this and when?
- What is the form of this writing?
- Have you read any other texts like this one?
- Did anything puzzle you?

Fiction and plays

- Who is the narrator?
- Who is the most important character?
- What do we know about the setting?
- Why does the writer use dialogue? □

Poetry

- What do you see in your mind when you read this?
- What is the effect of the rhyme, rhythm and line length?

Non-fiction

- How can we locate information quickly in this text?
- Why does the author use diagrams?

about what they have read. Our Reading Comprehension bookmark can help with thinking of questions.

Children will also bring home a school library book that they have chosen to read for information or pleasure.

Children can read their own books from home or the local library. To choose a book that is the right level of difficulty when children are still learning to read, ask them to put down one finger for each word they can't work out on a page. 0 fingers is too easy. 5 is too hard. 3 is probably just about right.

2. Practising key number facts

Learning key number facts off by heart will help children to be more confident and fluent mathematicians. These could be learnt by memorising, and they could also be practised in fun ways e.g. by playing games. You can also find lots of activities to practise these facts on websites including <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

Key number facts for Year 5

x table facts – The focus in the spring term is the 7 x and 9 x tables

Doubles of any 2 digit number

Halves of any even 2 digit number

Addition and subtraction facts to 100

(Squares of numbers between 1 and 12 – at appropriate time once taught)

3. Learning sounds and spellings

Children will have spellings to practise most weeks that will be checked in school and used in class work. These may be related to:

- phonics sounds they are learning
- key words that they need to know off by heart
- spelling rules they are learning
- tricky words that are exceptions to the rules
- topic and other subject related vocabulary

A good way to learn spellings is LOOK, SAY, COVER, WRITE and CHECK.

Optional Half Termly Homework

If your child needs more ideas for things to do at home try these:

1. In maths we will be working on fractions this term. Can you find examples of when fractions are used in real life. Take photographs and explain the fraction. (For methods that are unfamiliar to adults who are helping there are often videos on the Internet that explain the technique or you can ask the teacher for advice.)
2. Writing activity. After our visit to the Chocolate Story in York have a think about what type of writing you could do. For instance, a travel report about our train journey, instructions for the xocolatl drink, a newspaper report about the venue or even a mystery story based on our walk through the historic city of York.

3. Reading activity. Read a totally new author or type of book.

4. Useful websites or online activities

<http://www.historyofyork.org.uk/themes/medieval/the-shambles>

Don't forget that telling a grown up about their learning and explaining new knowledge and skills is the very best homework a child can do!

Big Half Term Project

Children should use their own ideas and skills for this because we want them to build stamina over a period of time and to be creative in how they respond. They can work with help or independently. This work will be shared in class and certificates will be awarded for projects that are completed well.

This term we are thinking about all different aspects of the Maya culture. Whether it is the Maya upperworld, middle world or underworld, some of their gods, rituals, ball games or fashions that have captured your interest, there is plenty for you to research and then tell us all about it.

Write, draw, make, animate, film, bake, create or ... ?