



**SHIRE OAK**  
C of E (VC) Primary School

# Homework Leaflet

Year 4

Spring 1<sup>st</sup> Half

Name:

Homework project due in by: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

## I. 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 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.



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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

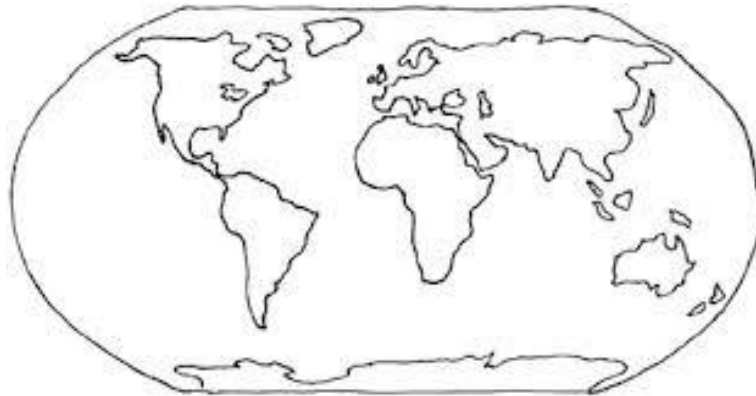
- What do you see in your mind when you read this?
- What is the effect of the rhyme, rhythm and line length?

### Non-fiction

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

## 2. Practising Maths Passport targets and times tables facts

Children will have maths passport targets to practise each week as they travel the continents of the world learning useful maths facts until they are confident enough to answer timed questions accurately on at least three different occasions. Information and help practising can be found <https://www.shireoak.org/learning-at-home>



From Year 2 onwards children start to learn their times tables. They should practise them backwards, forwards and as the inverse, e.g.  $2 \times 5 = 10$ ,  $5 \times 2 = 10$  and  $10 \div 5 = 2$ ,  $10 \div 2 = 5$ . This term we are focusing on our 6X, 9X and 7X tables so it would be useful to practise these at home.

## 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. maths activity - dominoes multiplication focusing on 6X, 9X & 7X tables. (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 – summarise your favourite Greek myth in 50 words.
3. reading/ research activity - Research Greek food. How it is different to traditional English food? You could recreate your own Greek dish and write a recipe for others to follow.
4. topic related activities - Create a fact file or poster about a Greek God. Make sure your poster is eye-catching and full of facts and information.
5. useful websites or online activities – Reading Eggs, timestables.co.uk, BBC websites

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.

Find out about the clothes Ancient Greeks wore. You could draw and label a picture showing a typical Ancient Greek outfit or create one which you could wear! Write, draw, calculate, make, animate, film, bake, create or ... ?