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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to let you know about homework in both Nursery and Reception for 2026-27.

As in previous years, we are continuing to set and look at homework via Tapestry so please ensure your account is up and running. If you are having problems accessing your Tapestry account, please email school on the admin address (office@archibaldfirstschool.co.uk).

Nursery

You and Me Tasks – fortnightly: This is a task to do together with your child and will relate to the topic work within the Early Years Unit. This will be sent via Tapestry.

Reading Bag - fortnightly: This will be introduced after half term. We will send home a book bag with a story, some poetry or non-fiction book for you to share with your child. Talking about the books and reading them together at bedtime is a great way to spend 10 minutes together and begin the process of learning to read.

The Archibald Reading Challenge: We are pleased to launch our Archibald Reading Challenge with our 'recommended reads' for each year group. Your child will come home with a book list and a record sheet. The aim is to see how many of these books they can read before the end of July. Please record and sign on the sheet provided. We will be giving out certificates at the end of each term so do return the record sheet once your child achieves their first goal.
Good luck and happy reading!

Maths: Our Maths Monkeys will set regular maths challenges and investigations linked to the maths we are doing in class. This will be communicated via Tapestry.

Homework Pattern: Week 1- You and Me Task, Week 2 – Reading Activity, Week 3 – You and Me Task, Week 4 – Reading Activity. Don't forget to keep an eye out for our Maths Monkey challenges!

Expectations and Routines:

Please share what you have done at home via Tapestry this allows us to celebrate this home learning with the children.

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Reception

Reading

We strongly encourage the children to read on a daily basis. 10 minutes a day will support your child's reading and develop their love of books especially when reading additional books to the school texts sent home.

Your child will read in a small group two times a week at school and then receive a reading book to read at home. The reading books are assigned at a level at which they can read the book at home independently. Please keep school books safe and return in a good condition. We will be sending out a separate Reading letter and will be inviting you to school for a Reading meeting to explain this system further.

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Maths - fortnightly: This is a task to support or extend the maths work we will be doing at home. This will be sent home via Tapestry.

Homework Pattern: Week 1 - You and Me task; Week 2 - Maths task; Week 3 - You and Me task; Week 4 - Maths task.

Key Words: There is a strong focus on children learning their key words. This is for their reading development and in time will impact on their writing. The words in which the children learn are in a particular order linking with our phonics scheme. The words will be sent home for you to practise with your child each week.

Sound Books/Handwriting: The children take part in daily phonics sessions. The letter sounds that are taught each week will be added to your child's Tapestry account for you to reinforce and work with at home. In addition to learning the letter sound, the children need to learn to write the letter using the correct routes. At school we follow a handwriting scheme as correct letter formation is so important. We will send handwriting books home in December once we have completed our squiggle while you wiggle programme. Please practise the letters, following the correct routes and then why not try writing the letters in wet sand, shaving foam, on a parents' palm or back or

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using a painted finger as these activities make letter formation more fun and very messy!!! These DO NOT need returning to school, but of course you can show us on Tapestry if you wish.

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Please share what you have done at home via tapestry this allows us to celebrate this home learning with the children. The free choice, bedtime, school/home library books can ALL be recorded in the reading diary. This helps us to build up a picture of your child as a reader in addition to what we see in school.

If you have a query about homework, we ask that you send all questions via Tapestry to their child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mrs McNally, EYFS Leader

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