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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to let you know about homework in both Nursery and Reception for 2023-24.

As in previous years, we are continuing to set and mark 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.

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!

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. They will have their reading books assigned at a level at which they can read the book at home independently. Little Wandle reading books will only be assigned virtually. You will be sent log-in details for the e-book scheme separately. In addition to the e-book, your child will bring home a library book to read and share with you for pleasure.

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. Please see the non-negotiables that form the basis of our maths homework. [English, Maths and Science - Archibald First School](#)

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 and work on in a Key Words book. New words will be sent for you to add to your child's book when we have covered them in class.

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. 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 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.

Expectations and Routines:

We will provide you with a You and Me book that you can keep the work in, but this can stay at home. Please upload images of your You and Me and Maths tasks on Tapestry.

The e-library phonics, 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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