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Dear Parents and Carers

Years 3 and 4 Homework at Archibald

We are writing to let you know about homework in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) for 2023-24.

The aims of the homework are:

- To consolidate learning in school.
- To promote cooperation between home and school in supporting each child's learning.
- To prepare the children for the transition to middle school.

Expectations and Routines:

Homework will be sent out on a Friday via SeeSaw, the online learning platform. We would like children to complete their homework and upload to SeeSaw by the following Wednesday.

- All children will be issued with a homework book. They can complete their weekly maths homework in the book or, alternatively, on the worksheet itself. All completed homework, including projects, should be uploaded to SeeSaw. Please do not send books or completed work into school.
- The children will be responsible for ensuring their work is completed in the relevant timeframe.
- Once uploaded, homework completed will be acknowledged via SeeSaw. Homework will not be marked in depth. Common misconceptions will be addressed in class with the children.
- If parents have a query about homework, we ask that they come into school and discuss it with the teacher in person. Please note that SeeSaw should not be used as a means of communication between home and school.

Homework:

Reading: We strongly encourage children to read on a daily basis, both school reading books and books of their own choice, to further develop their love of books and reading. The Key Stage 2 system involves the children selecting and changing their own books from allocated boxes; on occasions, staff may need to do this for them. Every child reads on a weekly basis with a member of staff in a guided reading session in addition to their reading throughout the curriculum. We encourage the children to read regularly at home and record the books

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they have read in their diary. Parents / carers are also most welcome to write comments in the diary too. Staff will monitor diaries to ensure that children are reading widely across the curriculum and diaries will also be stamped weekly.

Half termly project: This is a project for children to undertake at home, with you, to support their topic work in school; information will be uploaded to SeeSaw at the beginning of each half term. Project work can be in any format and doesn't have to be recorded in the homework book.

Maths: This weekly homework will be a piece of written maths work, a maths game or a maths challenge such as a problem-solving activity, practical experience or mental maths work to support your child's mathematical knowledge, understanding and application. Please see information on our website that can support with maths learning. <http://www.archibaldfirstschool.org.uk/parents-information/support-topics/>

Time Tables: Each half term, your child will also be reminded of the times table and division facts which they need to be able to recall rapidly. Please use Times Table Rockstars or Maths Frame to practise tables.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

In the summer term of Year 4, all pupils will take part in a national times table test. The expectation is that all pupils should be able to recall facts up to 12 X 12. Further information about this test will be shared later in the year.

Spelling: There is a strong focus on children learning, and most importantly, applying their spellings within the curriculum. Spellings, word patterns and spelling rule activities will be sent home weekly in the back of their reading diaries. Within their literacy sessions, the children will have a quiz to see how well they can spell the words and apply the spelling rule.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do come and speak to us if you have any queries regarding homework.

Kind regards

KS2 Team

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