

"Homework to suit everyone's taste"

Year 1



Bumble Bees Homework Activities

Spring

Your Bread and Butter

Weekly Treats

"These are the most important items to make sure your child is practising regularly as they are the building blocks for so much more"

"Choose what you want and enjoy. It's all up to you to be as adventurous as you want! You're allowed any one of these each week!" Tick off as you go!

1. Reading:

Please remember to read with your child for 5-15 minutes daily and encourage your child to regularly look at a variety of books; including non-fiction, Library books, magazines and even short stories and recipe books.

We are also trying to encourage children to discuss each book in detail and answer questions from the text as well as form an opinion of the book to build confidence in comprehension and an enthusiasm for reading!

1. Can you mix colours?

Do a painting and explore with mixing colours, what colours can you make?

2. Do you know the number to call in an emergency?

Learn the emergency number and find out about one of the emergency services.

3. Can you be creative in the kitchen?

Maybe we could explore our sense of taste with some treats that you make? It's up to you what you make you can print out photos for your homework book.

4. Can you record the weather?

Record the weather/rainfall over a week. Do you notice any patterns?

5. Can you write instructions?

If an alien came to visit what would they need to know how to do? Maybe you could write instructions for how to get ready in the morning? How to play football.

6. Can you explore materials around your home?

Find different objects around your home and explore what material they are made of.

7. Learn about under the sea creatures.

You could visit an aquarium or research a sea creature online then make a factfile.

8. Design a planet.

Make up your own planet, you might even want to create some aliens that live there.

9. Find some signs of Spring.

This one might have to be later on in the term but go on a walk and see what signs you can find that tell us that Spring is here.

3. 100 High Frequency Word Mat

A high frequency word mat will be inside the homework book. Some are tricky words that cannot be sounded out and have to be learnt off by heart. The children need to know how to read and write them all by the end of year 1. Look at these words regularly – say them out loud, put them in sentences and write them down. Feel free to use the homework book, magnetic letters, write them in shaving foam etc. Please don't try to tackle them all at once, maybe start with 5 a week and just move on when your child has mastered those, you could cross them off as you go.

4. Number Games and Practical Maths:

- Use the school login for Education City (stuck inside your child's reading record) <http://www.educationcity.com/>
- Visit <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>
- Recognise and write numbers up to 20.
- Check the topic web to find out each week what we are doing in Maths

5. Thinking of Others:

Children share their ideas, thoughts and pray for themselves, the world and others.

Our Christian values:

Term 1 - 'Perseverance'. What is something you've had to work really hard for?

Term 2 - 'Justice'. How do we make sure everyone is treated fairly?

10. Celebrate Easter.

Decorate Easter eggs or make an Easter garden. Maybe you could find out about the Easter story and do some writing or pictures from it.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely Christmas. Here is a new homework menu for the Spring term. We have linked the activities to some of our learning which you will find on our learning web and also the books that we will be focusing on in English. This style of homework hopefully allows lots of creativity and a chance to share the enthusiasm of our current learning with your child. There is also a wide selection of activities for the children to do so hopefully there will be definitely something which grabs your child's imagination!

There are two types of Homework:

- **Bread and Butter** – Important activities, which should be done regularly. Most of these can be done in short, sharp bursts.
- **Weekly Treats** – Creative ideas or projects. These can be done over a weekly basis, or longer, whichever is appropriate. These can be recorded in the homework book.

The most important thing is that you read with your child on a daily basis.

You do not have to do *all* the Weekly Treats or complete homework every week, choose the ones that really get your child buzzing and engaged in their learning. Also if you are away or have a busy weekend planned please don't feel stressed that you also have to fit in a weekly treat, we know that children gain so much from activities outside of school.

If your child has completed one of the activities and they would like to share it with the rest of the class, please bring homework into the Bumble Bees classroom on **Tuesday**. If your child wants to show their homework please make sure it is stuck inside the green homework book to prevent bits of paper coming into school and potentially getting lost, if it won't fit in the book please take a photo and email it to us so that we can share it with the class.

Our aim is that there is freedom of choice within a clear structure and a chance for you to really enjoy learning and discovering with your child. There are also some independent activities that your child can do but please adapt any activities if you feel necessary.

Any questions or concerns as always please come and ask, **Mrs O'Reilly & Mrs Bartle**