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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Year 1 Homework at Archibald**

We are writing to let you know about homework in Year 1.

#### **Reading**

We strongly encourage the children to read on a daily basis. Even 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. Reading books should continue to be brought into school every day and will be changed according to the Year 1 system.

**Other Homework:** All other homework will be sent out on a Friday. It must be returned by the following Wednesday when teachers will collect it in and check it.

**You and Me Tasks – fortnightly:** This is a task to do together with your child

**Maths homework –fortnightly (alternated with You and Me Task):** This will either be a piece of maths work or as a maths challenge. It may be a piece of written work, a problem solving activity, practical experience or mental maths work to support your child's knowledge of numbers, facts or counting. Please see the non-negotiables that form the basis of our maths homework.

<http://www.archibaldfirstschool.org.uk/parents-information/support-topics/>

**Handwriting – weekly:** At school we follow a handwriting scheme. Each week we will send home a short handwriting activity sheet to support your child's letter formation and presentation.

**Spelling - weekly:** There is a strong focus on children learning their spellings within the new curriculum. Spellings and spelling rule activities will be sent home on a weekly basis with the words and number of spellings dependent on your child's needs and focus within their lessons. Within their phonics sessions on a Friday, the children will have a quiz to see which words they can spell from those sent home. Please make this as fun as possible for example writing the words with magnetic letters, alphabet spaghetti, in shaving foam on a tray or wall.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bayes and Mrs Turner