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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 2018-19.

New Systems:

From September 2018, Archibald has introduced a homework book.

The aims of the homework book are;

- Homework is valued by the children, school and home.
- To keep homework together and ensure high standards of presentation.
- To provide a place to record work, and comments from home.

Expectations and Routines:

Homework will be sent out on a **Friday**.

Homework is to be returned to school on the **following Tuesday**.

- The children will be responsible for ensuring their homework book is in school on the relevant days.
- On return to school, staff will collect books in and all homework completed will be stamped and acknowledged. 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.
- Whilst we encourage parents to record comments in the homework books regarding their child's understanding and completion of the task, please note that this should not be seen as a means of communication between home and school.

Homework:

Reading: We strongly encourage children to read their school books on a daily basis, in addition to reading books of their own choice to further develop their love of books. Reading books should be brought into school every day and will be changed according to the Key Stage 2 system which involves the children selecting and changing their own books. 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.

Half termly project: This is a project for children to undertake at home, with you, to support their topic work in school. It will be placed in the homework book at the start of term. This project work can be in any format and doesn't have to be written 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 the non-negotiables that form the basis of our maths homework.

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

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.

Spelling: There is a strong focus on children learning, and most importantly applying, their spellings within the new curriculum. Spellings, word patterns 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. Within their literacy sessions, the children will have a quiz to see which words they can spell from those sent home.

Handwriting: Weekly, we will send home a short handwriting activity sheet to support your child's letter formation and presentation. Please note that handwriting practise does not need to be returned to school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bayes and Mrs Turner

Ideas for making spellings interesting

Write the words 3 times each	Write the words with silly letters	<i>Rainbow write the words</i>
Write the words with blue vowels and red consonants	How fast can you write the word? Are you quicker than an adult helper?	Write the words in bubble writing
http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/literacy/index.htm	Make the words with alphabet spaghetti or using magnetic letters	Make a rhyme up to help you remember it: <i>Because – big elephants can't always use small exits</i>

Maths ideas, tricks for learning your tables and maths links for games

<p>Counting in steps of 1, 2, 5 or 10: 5x Drop 5 pence coins into a tin and count in fives; 5, 10, 15... Use 1p, 2p or 10p coins for these tables. How fast can you do it? Can you count backwards?</p>	<p>Pick a domino – can you add the two sides together, subtract one number from the other or multiply them? How quickly can you do this?</p>	<p>Know your x3 Double the answers to find x6 $4 \times 3 = 12$ 12 doubled equals $4 \times 6 = 24$</p>
<p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/numeracy.shtml</p>	<p>http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/index.html</p>	<p>Playing Cards Play cards as a family – matching pairs, pick cards to make a given total, add or multiply two cards together</p>
<p>If you know your two times table – double the answer to know your four times table too! $2 \times 2 = 4$ Double 4 = 8 which is 2×4</p>	<p>Invest in a maths CD and listen to it in the car or at bedtime. Learning to music is very effective!</p>	<p><i>Great ways of learning about money:</i> <i>Count the money in your money box</i> <i>Ask an adult to show you their change – Can you recognise the coins? Pick three and find the total.</i> <i>Pay for items in a shop.</i></p>

