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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Nursery and Reception Homework at Archibald**

We are writing to let you know about homework in both Nursery and Reception for 2021-22. As we continue to follow guidelines linked to the Covid 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.

#### **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 over the next few weeks. 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.

**Homework Pattern:** Week 1- You and Me Task, Week 2 – Reading Activity, Week 3 – You and Me Task, Week 4 – Reading Activity.

**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.

#### **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 be heard read by an adult at school weekly. Their school reading books should remain in their rucksacks at all times.

Reading books will begin to be sent home in September. The books may be pictures books until your child is ready for a book with text. Talking about the pictures and telling the story orally is a great way to become a reader!

**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 home via Tapestry.

**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.

Homework Pattern: Week 1 You and Me task; Week 2 Maths task; Week 3 You and Me task; Week 4 Maths task.

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Please see the non-negotiables that form the basis of our maths homework.

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

The aims of the You and Me tasks are;

- Homework is valued by the children, school and home.
- To keep homework together.

**Expectations and Routines:**

- Due to limiting what comes in and out of school, this year the majority of homework tasks will be set via Tapestry and we ask that where possible parents/carers share the completed tasks on their child's Tapestry account, where a member of staff will look at it, like it and/or comment.
- We will provide you with a You and Me book that you can keep the work in, but this can stay at home.
- If parents have a query about homework, we ask that they send all questions via Tapestry to their child's class teacher.

**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. You might want to make little copies of them to place on your fridge or around your house to help the children learn them.

**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 learn the letter sound, the children need to learn about 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 sheets/books home. Please practise the letters on the given sheet, following the correct routes and then why not try writing the letters in wet sand, shaving foam, on a mum or dad's palm or back or using a painted finger as these activities make letter formation more fun and messy!!! These DO NOT need returning to school, but of course you can show us on Tapestry if you wish.

The Early Years team will be holding our Reading, Phonics and Curriculum Meeting for parents of Reception children, date to be confirmed as soon as possible. More information will follow.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Turner and Mrs Nelson