

'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Dear Parents /Carers,

As we return to a new 'normal' we are beginning to re-ignite our usual school practices. The following letter explains homework expectations for 2020/21 across the school.

Homework

Homework Reception

At present, we ask that reception children continue to read daily at home and also practice their red words which will be sent home in their zip wallet. In addition to this, Mathletics will be set weekly which will be linked to their class work.

Homework year 1 - 6

Today your child will be bringing home (years 1-6) their new homework book. Your child's learning sheets for Summer A which will specify: spellings, times tables, takeaway homework and recommended reading will be **available to download from your child's class page**. In addition, you will also be able to download the Knowledge organiser for the current teaching theme, and '101 things to do before you are 11'.

Homework Summer A

Year 4 2020 - 2021

Mrs McShane

Year 4 Teacher

Homework Summer A

Files to Download

[101 challenges](#)

[Full Y3/4 spelling list](#)

[Reading at home](#)

[Homework Summer A](#)

[What we'll build topic web.pdf](#)

[What we'll build knowledge organiser.pdf](#)

[Summer takeaway homework.docx](#)

All children learn differently and so therefore the homework journal should be used to suit the best learning style for your child. Some will like to repeatedly write out spellings and times tables whilst others may like to use some of the ideas in the attached '**Helping your child with spelling**' document.

You will have noticed that this year we have also continued with recommended reading and knowledge organisers to our homework. Reading daily is an important part of learning. It not only supports the teaching of reading but enables us to gather facts, information and vocabulary which we can then use in our writing and during our topic sessions. The books which have been recommended may either be classic children's literature or linked with the current learning in class, they can either be read alone by the child or shared with an adult.



Knowledge organisers complement our connected approach to our curriculum at Bunbury. These have been developed by teachers to provide key facts, information and vocabulary which the children will be expected to learn and discuss within their topic sessions.

After the success of Google classrooms through the lockdown we want to continue to use this platform within our everyday practice moving forward. This will ensure the IT skills we have developed in being able to share and complete work will not be lost but also prepare the older children for the use of VLE's when transferring to secondary school. During the summer term, we will be looking at how we can fully utilise the Google classroom platform to support our homework from September 2021. However, in the interim we will be sharing our homework via Google Classrooms and on the school class pages. Children may complete their work in the yellow homework books or on the google classroom platform.

In an era when children's mental health and wellbeing is very much in the news and high on our school agenda the school council have produced the '101 things to do before you are 11' document. We strongly believe as a staff that alongside our basic skills homework children should be encouraged to take on board some of the tasks that have been selected.

As a school we see homework as something which should be purposeful, impact on learning and install independent work within our children. Therefore the tasks which we have set compliment what we are teaching in school and very much focus on basic skills. In addition to this our online maths resources will continue, with weekly tasks for Mathletics and TT Rockstars.

Homework Journals need to be brought back into school week beginning **Monday 24th May** and any takeaway homework will be shared on **Wednesday 26th May**. During this week, teachers will sign the sheet inside to see that homework has been completed and children will be praised for their efforts with stickers. Moving forward we will continue to comment to all parents at parents evening as to the quality and frequency of homework completed.

Many thanks for your continued support



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Principal Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School