



## Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary School



### Homework - Autumn A

High frequency word spellings to learn – these will not be tested. Weeks are there for guidance only. These words will **not** appear on the weekly spelling test (see weekly spelling homework sheet for test words) but will affect the assessment of a pupils' writing level if they are not correct consistently.

Please note: if your child is struggling with these Year 3 words, please ignore them and instead revise the year 1&2 common exception words (list on the homework tab)

Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
accident accidentally actual actually address although	answer appear arrive believe bicycle breath	build busy business caught centre century	certain circle complete consider continue decide	describe different difficult disappear early earth

### Times tables / Division to learn

- **Please revise** x2 x5 x10 and related division facts
- **Please focus on learning** x3, x4, x8 with division facts

To support learning in class, at home practice of times tables is hugely beneficial. This will help them recall multiplication and division facts at speed which is key to being able to tackle multiplication and division of two digit numbers which is included in the Year 3 curriculum.

By Year 4, all pupils are expected to know all their times tables up to 12. They will then complete the national times tables test to test their accuracy and speed. Therefore we highly recommend that these are learnt gradually across Year 2, 3 and 4.

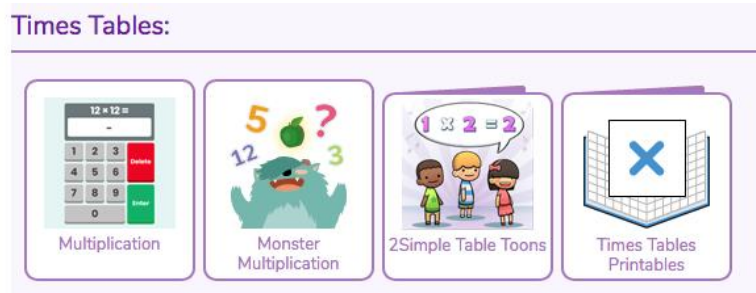
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Year 2: 2s, 5s, 10s,

Year 3: 3s, 4s, 8s

Year 4: 6s, 7s, 9s, 11s, 12s

You can practise online at TT Rockstars (login details in reading record book), Hit The Button and download worksheets at [Times Table Worksheet](#). There are lots of activities on Purple Mash too.



**Recommended reading linked to our topic:**

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### ***"The Rock from the Sky" by Jon Klassen***

This humorous and surreal picture book follows the story of three quirky friends as they navigate through unexpected events involving a large rock. While not specifically about rocks and fossils, it introduces children to the concept of geological formations and encourages them to think creatively.

### ***2. "The Fossil Girl: Mary Anning's Dinosaur Discovery" by Catherine Brighton***

This chapter book tells the inspiring true story of Mary Anning, a renowned fossil collector. Through engaging illustrations and an engaging narrative, children will learn about Mary's significant contributions to paleontology and her discoveries of incredible fossils.

### ***3. "The Stone Girl's Story" by Sarah Beth Durst***

In this enchanting novel, a young girl named Mayka awakes as a stone statue, longing to be brought to life. As Mayka embarks on a quest to find her missing fingers and make her own destiny, the story explores the themes of identity, friendship, and the power of stories, while indirectly introducing geological elements.

### ***"Stig of the Dump" by Clive King***

A classic children's novel, "Stig of the Dump" tells the story of a young boy named Barney who discovers a caveman living in a dump nearby. Set in modern times but with a strong connection to the Stone Age, this book will captivate Year 3 students with its adventurous and imaginative storyline.

### ***"Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age" by Raymond Briggs***

This comical and entertaining book follows the adventures of Ug, a young boy from the Stone Age who invents things ahead of his time. With delightful illustrations and humorous storytelling, Raymond Briggs offers an imaginative perspective on the Stone Age and the concept of inventions.

#### **Non-fiction books**

### ***1. "Rocks and Fossils (Usborne Spotter's Guide)" by Jane Turner***

This interactive guidebook is packed with colourful illustrations and fascinating facts about rocks and fossils. It provides clear explanations about how different types of rocks are formed and also teaches children how to identify various fossils. It is an excellent resource for engaging young readers with the subject.

## **2. *"DK Eyewitness Books: Fossil" by Dr. Paul Taylor***

This visually stunning book takes children on a journey back in time, exploring the world of fossils. With detailed photographs and concise explanations, it covers various aspects such as fossil formation, different types of fossils, and their importance in understanding our planet's history.

## **3. *"Rocks and Minerals: A Gem of a Book!" by Simon Basher***

In this creative and fun book, the author Simon Basher presents rocks and minerals as colourful characters, each with its own personality and distinguishing features. Packed with quirky illustrations and engaging descriptions, it helps children learn about different types of rocks, minerals, and the rock cycle.

## ***"The Stone Age: Hunters, Gatherers, and Woolly Mammoths" by Marcia Williams***

In this engaging comic-strip-style book, Marcia Williams brings the Stone Age to life with colourful illustrations and witty narrative. Through the eyes of a young caveman named Pod, readers will learn about the Stone Age lifestyle, hunting techniques, cave art, and significant historical events, all presented in an accessible and child-friendly format.

## ***"The Usborne Encyclopedia of the Ancient World" by Jane Bingham***

This comprehensive and visually appealing encyclopedia provides a holistic view of different ancient civilizations, including the Stone Age, Iron Age, and Bronze Age. Packed with illustrations, maps, and accessible information, it offers detailed accounts of daily life, inventions, and major historical events of these periods.

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