



Portway Junior School

Creating life-long learners

Friday 13th September 2024.

Homework

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find information below regarding expectations for homework. Homework will set in 2 ways; weekly and half termly. Weekly homework is for maths, reading and spelling. Half termly is the 'Bingo board activities'

Weekly

Maths:

For Maths, keep it fun!! We are recommending that the children play maths games for their fluency, aiding rapid recall of all number operations. Please encourage your children to play on their TT Rockstars account: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student> on Push The Button: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> or any other maths game your child enjoys. Just 10 minutes a day will make all the difference and boost your child's confidence.

There are plenty more on here too: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

Reading:

We all know reading is the key to success and unlocks the curriculum. It is crucial to read at least four times a week with your child, or if they are older and enjoy reading on their own, that they are encouraged to read at least four times a week. As you know, we are proud of our library, reading corners and are always promoting that love of reading and reading for pleasure as well as the children's reading scheme books. Please continue to encourage your child to pick a book they will enjoy reading, a mixture of fact and fiction. Remember magazines are also a great source of reading for pleasure too. It's also fine for the children to change their book if they've picked one they aren't enjoying and haven't finished it yet.

Spellings:

This is often an area children can struggle with, spellings are best learnt through repetition and being applied in a sentence in context. Teachers will be providing spelling lists to be practised at home. Please practice these with your children throughout the week as well. Just 5/10 minutes a day. Short bursts help children retain focus, concentration and avoid arguments!

Half termly:

Bingo Boards:

On Friday 27th September the children will have their bingo boards to bring home. These will have a selection of activities to choose from, linked to the foundation subjects and wider curriculum areas. The children can mix and match which activities interest them and then work on completing them over the half term. They are to be handed in on Friday 18th October, the week before we break up for half term please. The children will also bring home a curriculum overview for the half term to accompany the boards for your information and any extra research or projects the children might want to do.

Thanks for your continued support,

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