



Developing Potential without Limitations

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Dear Parents,

RE: Year 2 Homework

It has been brought to our attention that there is some confusion and concern about the Year 2 homework in the approach to the KS1 SATs tasks and tests held in May. A letter was sent out at the end of the Autumn term, outlining the change to the year 2 homework and that letter is still available on the Buzzards class pages of the school website.

To clarify further, the aim of the homework currently being set is for the year 2 pupils to become familiar with the style of paper they will have to sit in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar in May.

For the first half of the Spring Term, the pupils were receiving sections of a test booklet rather than a whole paper for homework. Since half term, we have been sending whole papers home. Although some pupils may want to complete the papers, **there is no expectation that the pupils will complete the whole paper every week, or that they will complete it in test conditions unless they choose to do so.**

The homework expectations for year 2 remain unchanged: daily reading (which can incorporate the reading comprehension paper); daily spelling; daily mental arithmetic (which can be substituted for a question from the mathematics paper); plus 20mins of either English or Maths on alternate weeks.

If your child has not completed a task within the 20 minutes, please make a note at the point that they got to for the class teacher. This enables Miss Green to pick up on any areas that your child might be finding difficult and provide further support in class.

We do not expect any child to struggle on for hours on a task and do not want any child to feel distressed – this would negate the point of the homework as a familiarisation to enable them to approach the SATS with confidence.

The table overleaf gives some more ideas on how to break the homework down into manageable chunks.

Reading	Maths
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read through a section of the comprehension paper together during daily reading time across the week and verbally ask some of the questions before your child completes the booklet so they feel more confident. • Complete the paper in sections across the week rather than all in one go • Read through together and discuss the questions but scribe the answers for your child to model how it would look on the paper. • With your child discuss which questions they think they can do independently and which they might need your help with. Get them to do the ones they are comfortable with first • With your child, discuss which questions they think are trickier and spend quality time on one or two questions rather than completing the booklet. • Have a timer on the table, so your child knows how much time they are expected to work on their homework and that it is not an endless task. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick out questions relating to one area of maths at a time eg., multiplication or data and statistics. • Set a target number of questions to be completed in the 20 minutes with your child – How many do they think they can complete? • With your child discuss which questions they think they can do independently and which they might need your help with. Get them to do the ones they are comfortable with first • Choose one question a day to do in their daily maths time – write a maths question of the day on a whiteboard/fridge/bathroom tile etc... • Read through the paper and discuss how to answer each question, without having to actually answer it on paper. Make a note for Miss Green on the discussion. • Have a timer on the table, so your child knows how much time they are expected to work on their homework and that it is not an endless task.

I hope this clarifies the year 2 homework and provides some helpful ideas for managing the homework. To give everyone a further opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the end of KS1 expectations, we have also arranged a meeting for year 2 parents on **Wednesday 18th April at 3:30pm** where we will be able to talk through how the tasks and tests will be administered and address any further questions you may have about the homework. We will send out an electronic invitation to the event before the end of term and look forward to seeing you there

Yours sincerely



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