

*Our vision: Creative learning,
personal achievement and
happiness.*



Shankhill C of E Primary School
Hethersgill
Carlisle CA6 6JA
office@shankhill.cumbria.sch.uk

01228 57726

4th September 2017

Dear Class 1 Parents

RE: Homework

Homework is an essential part of being a successful learner in life. At school, we value its place as it helps our children to practise and perfect their skills, as well as deepen their knowledge, understanding and skills through regular short bursts of repetitive tasks. It also gives you as parents an idea of what your child is learning about in school.

Homework will normally be given as shown below. In addition, Reception & Year 1 children are expected to read with an adult for 5-10 minutes **most nights**. Please sign your child's reading record book, saying where you got up to, to show you have read together and discussed their reading. If you have any concerns about the task given please speak to Miss Smith or Mrs Beattie or put a note in your child's reading record.

Homework Timetable - Whilst homework will usually be numeracy or literacy based, we also recognise and value the importance of other areas of the curriculum. The children may occasionally be asked to complete a task which is more topic based. We also encourage the children to bring in objects to show the others, which are **relevant** to the topic they are learning about, e.g. shells when learning about the seaside or photographs of their home when learning about houses.

Nursery: Children will bring home a book to read and share with the family. It will be replaced when a comment is written in the reading record to say it has been read. Please feel free to make any comments about your child's reaction to the book.

Reception:

Children will bring home sound and word key rings, which will be added to as new sounds and words are covered. These should be practiced every night. While building up their word blending skills children will initially bring home letter / sound books. The children are not expected to read the words in these books but instead discuss the sound....find it in the words....talk about / guess what things could be in the book beginning with that letter / sound. When they do begin on the reading scheme it is important that they read regularly every night. Please sign your child's reading record book, saying how they got on with sounds / words or where you got up to, to show you have read together and discussed their reading.

Handwriting: As the children learn new sounds/letters they will also learn the correct formation with a handwriting phrase to go with each. Children will bring home a formation activity sheet to practice. Please encourage the correct letter formation backed up by saying the handwriting phrase as they write.

Year 1:

Keyrings: As appropriate for the child, word and sound key-rings will be sent home and the children should practice these as regularly as possible.

Maths: Children will bring home a short maths facts activity. These will be given out on a Friday and should be returned on a Friday.

Spellings: Spellings will be sent home every Friday and should be practiced and recorded on the sheet every night in **best handwriting** and using a **pencil**. They should be returned each Friday.

In creating this homework timetable, we have followed the Government's guidelines of:
Years 1 → 1 hour per week

Yours sincerely
Miss Smith & Mrs Beattie

*"This is a good school ... Activities capture pupils' interests and inspire confidence and enjoyment ...
Excellent relationships between adults and pupils create a positive climate where pupils want to learn and do well." Ofsted 2015*



"This is a
good school" **Eco Schools**
Ofsted 2015



www.shankhill.cumbria.sch.uk