

Year 1 and 2 News - 24.09.18

Homework:

We apologise for any confusion with homework in Key Stage 1. Outlined below is how homework will work for Year 1 and Year 2 as of this week.

Year 1

Maths

Your child's class teachers will set weekly Purple Mash homework for your child to complete. A link for this will be written on a note stuck into your child's HASP book each Friday.

Spellings

Each term your child will receive a booklet of spellings they need to practise with dates for when each set of words will be tested. You have already received this for Term 1. There is space in these booklets to practise each spelling multiple times a week. Your child has also taken home a sheet outlining different strategies to help them learn their spellings as well as information on how the bronze, silver and gold system works. As of this Friday, your child will be coming home with their spelling book so you can see their spelling score and continue to practise any words they'd learned, yet spelt incorrectly in the test. Please make sure that spelling books are returned to school each Monday. If your child spells 2 or 3 words correctly, they'll get a bronze sticker. If they spell 4 – 7 words correctly, they'll get a silver sticker. If they spell all 8 correctly, they'll get a gold sticker. After half term, we will be raising the expectation in line with Year 2 spellings to increase challenge. This will mean that the children will need to spell 4 or 5 correctly to receive a bronze sticker.

Thank you for your recent feedback on transition. We are aiming to address your suggestions.

Year 2

Maths

Your child needs to log in to Times Table Rockstars at least 2 times a week to practise their 2 times table in the Arena and Garage areas. After half term, they will be moving onto learning their 10 times table.

Spellings

Each term your child will receive a booklet of spellings they need to practise with dates for when each set of words will be tested. You have already received this for Term 1. There is space in these booklets to practise each spelling every day of the week. Your child has also taken home a sheet outlining different strategies to help them learn their spellings as well as information on how the bronze, silver and gold system works. As of this Friday, your child will be coming home with their spelling book so you can see their spelling score and continue to practise any words they'd learned, yet spelt incorrectly in the test. Please make sure that spelling books are returned to school each Monday. If your child spells 4 or 5 words correctly, they'll get a bronze sticker. If they spell 6 or 7 words correctly, they'll get a silver sticker. If they spell all of the words correctly, they'll get a gold sticker.

Key Stage 1



Now that your child has been in Year 1 or 2 for a few weeks, please make sure that you are saying goodbye to them in the line. This applies to every day except for Friday. On this day, we welcome you to join us for 'Pridey Friday' from 8.45-8.55am. Come in and see what the children have been learning about during the week. If you have an urgent message for your child's teacher, either write it in the HASP book or speak to the teacher (if it is a quick message) as they collect the children from the playground.

Changes to certificates

For Year 1 parents new to Key Stage 1, please note that Bronze, Silver, Gold...etc. certificates are no longer given out in Friday's award assembly. Instead, they will be given out during other assemblies during the week where only Millbrook staff and children are present. Star of the Week certificates will still be given out during Friday's assembly. Teachers will endeavour to let you know on Friday morning if your child is going to be receiving one.

Thank you for your continued support. ☺