

**Witham St Hughs**  
**Academy**



**Home Learning**  
**Foundation Stage**

## **Introduction**

This booklet contains an overview of your child's home learning which will enable you to support them fully throughout the year.

### **What Should Be Done Each Week?**

A homework sheet will be provided **weekly** for your child to complete. The completion date for the homework tasks will be recorded at the top of the homework sheet (as the hand in date may vary from class to class). The tasks for each Key Stage will be broadly as follows:

#### **Foundation Stage and KS1**

- Reading (Daily, recorded in home reading record)
- Sight Vocabulary Words (for YR, 1 and 2 as appropriate)
- Rehearsing Number Facts / Mental Mathematics (Guidance included in this booklet)
- A Main Mathematics task which relates to learning within the classroom
- Spellings (which will be tested weekly)
- A task relating to the week's topic within the classroom

#### **KS2**

- Reading (Daily, recorded in home reading record)
- Rehearsing Number Facts / Mental Mathematics (Guidance included in this booklet)
- A Main Mathematics task which relates to learning within the classroom
- Spellings (which will be tested weekly)
- A task relating to the week's topic within the classroom e.g. a Geography/History or Science task
- Y6 pupils may be given additional practice questions from the Spring Term onwards to prepare them for SATs

### **How Long Should Home Activities Take?**

The following timings are **recommended**, and are intended to be spread across the course of the week.

Reception	1 hour per week
Years 1 and 2	1 – 1 ½ hours per week
Years 3 and 4	1 -2 hours per week
Years 5 and 6	2 ½ hours per week

These should not be rigidly interpreted, and it is important to remember that children have already spent a whole day learning, and need time to relax, socialise and enjoy life outside of the academy.

There are many opportunities for children to develop by taking part in clubs, hobbies and community activities. This book and contents should not restrict children's access to these. Additionally, as we highly value the health and wellbeing of your child, alongside the completion of a weekly homework sheet, regular physical activity is important to ensure healthy growth and development.

### **How Can You Help?**

Your child's learning will be greatly enhanced by you spending time talking to your child about what they are doing. Some activities will require written outcomes, whilst others will not.

## Supporting your Child in Mathematics

To support your child fully with their learning and homework in mathematics, the following grid provides you with an overview of the learning in mental mathematics throughout the year. The areas covered by the homework activities will be taken from the targets below each term. Your child should be able to recall these at speed and in different contexts. Additionally, suggestions and activities to support these areas will be provided with the school's termly Newsletters.

### Mental Mathematics Foundation Stage

	<u>Autumn Term</u>	<u>Spring Term</u>	<u>Summer Term</u>
<b><u>1st Half Of the Term</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count reliably up to 10 objects.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count on in ones from any small number</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Read and write numerals to at least 10.</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recall addition doubles up to <math>5 + 5</math>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recall addition and subtraction facts up to 5.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Recall pairs of numbers which total 10.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count reliably up to 20 objects.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count on or back in tens from zero</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Read and write numerals to at least 20.</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Order a set of numbers (up to 20).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recall addition and subtraction facts to at least 5.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recall addition doubles to at least <math>5 + 5</math>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recall pairs of numbers which total 10.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count reliably at least 20 objects.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Find small 'differences'.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count in fives from and back to zero.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Order a set of numbers to 20.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recall addition and subtraction facts up to at least 5 (and up to 10).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Read and write numerals to at least 100.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recall pairs of numbers which total 10.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recall addition doubles up to at least <math>5 + 5</math>.</li> </ul>
<b><u>2nd Half of the Term</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count reliably up to 20 objects.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count on or back in ones from zero, then any small number.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Read and write numerals to at least 10.</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Order two numbers (up to 10).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recall addition and subtraction facts up to 5.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recall addition doubles up to <math>5 + 5</math>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Recall pairs of numbers which total 10.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count reliably at least 20 objects.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count in tens from and back to zero.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count in twos from and back to zero.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Read and write numerals to at least 20.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Order a set of numbers to 20.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recall addition and subtraction facts up to at least 5.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recall pairs of numbers which total 10.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Recall addition doubles up to at least <math>5 + 5</math>.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count reliably at least 20 objects.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Find small 'differences'.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Count in steps of three from zero.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Read and write numerals from 0 to at least 100.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Order a set of numbers to 20.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recall addition and subtraction facts up to at least 5 (and up to 10).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recall pairs of numbers which total 10.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Recall addition doubles up to at least <math>5 + 5</math>.</b></li> </ul>

**To support your child further in these areas, there are many interactive mathematics websites which are provided via the Witham St Hughs Academy Website ( Please find these located under Curriculum then Mathematics)**



## **Supporting your Child with their Reading**

The following points may provide some guidance in supporting your child as they learn to read:

- Show your child that you are enjoying the story by indicating interest and by asking questions.
- Give your child time to figure out tricky words, and show your child how he or she can learn from mistakes.
- Try to have your child read aloud to you at times when there will be no interruptions.
- Take turns reading with your child, especially if he or she is just beginning to read, or try reading together.
- Talk about a story after your child has read it, to make sure that he or she understands it.
- To communicate with the class teacher, make a comment in your child's yellow reading record book. Within KS2, your child may wish to make their own comment within the reading record.

## **Supporting your child with their Spellings**



The following points may provide some guidance in supporting your child with their spellings homework:

- Ask your child to trace over the words so that they learn the shape of it ( perhaps by using different coloured pencils)
- Make up a rhyme or sentence with the letters in the word
- Use different materials to make the word e.g. magnetic letters, sticks, beads, paint, use chalk
- Write the word, cover it, write it again, check it. Repeat this process.
- Look at the spelling patterns in the word together with your child
- Put the words up in the house or in their bedroom so that they become familiar with the patterns within it.
- Put movement into learning words. Have your child clap for each letter or take a step for each letter as he spells the word orally.
- Let your child play teacher. Let him teach you the words he is learning to spell. Spell them orally to him. Let him correct you. Make a game of it.

## **Supporting your child with Research Tasks**



The following points may provide some guidance in supporting your child when they are asked to complete research based tasks:

- Encourage your child to visit the library in order to research information from a range of books
- Encourage your child to use the internet in order to research the specific topic area. However, when doing so, pupils need to be encouraged to make notes rather than copy entire chunks of text from the webpage. This will deepen learning and aid understanding of the topic.
- You could consider collecting leaflets or information sheets in relation to the topic area
- Perhaps watch factual programmes in relation to the specific topic
- Try to talk to experts who have some subject knowledge about the topic and can speak about it first hand
- Perhaps visit places which relate to the topic e.g. a museum, a castle etc.
- Take photographs of aspects which relate to the topic area.

