

Upper Key Stage 2 Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2017

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the start of another (final) year at St. Ebbe's. The children have settled quickly into Year 6 and we are already excited about all that is to come in the year ahead.

As this has been week zero, we have used the time to adjust to the Year 6 classroom and have eased back into school life - working through a variety of activities in both numeracy and literacy, as well as beginning to learn about our topic *Through the Ages*. Next week (week 1) will see us start of more structured lessons in both numeracy and literacy, and will also introduce topics within our non-core subjects.

Homework will begin next week and our time table and curriculum overview will be available on the school website from Friday next week.

Currently there is an issue with parent mail. If you would like a copy of Mrs Bagnall's newsletter, there will be a copy available at the school office.

We are confident that this will be an exciting and memorable year for your children and we are looking forward to working with you over the course of the year.

Mr Godby and Mr Stowe.

Looking for a fun game to learn times tables, doubles, squared numbers and number bonds?
Click [here](#) for a link to the 'Hit the Button' website.

Homework

There has been a query regarding times tables and how children are being challenged. At the beginning of the year the children start back at the two times table. When they get them right without any errors they move onto the next number. Mrs Robson has challenged all of the children to reach their twelve times table; receiving a chocolate cake as a reward. From there, the children continue with 0.2 through to 1.2.

If your child is on a times table that they are confident with, an additional challenge may be:

- **Learn the inverse e.g $4 \times 5 = 20$, $20 / 5 = 4$.**
- **Time yourself, how quickly can you recall them?**
- **Jumble them up**
- **Make the times table 10 x bigger / smaller!**
- **Don't stop at 12, carry on to 19!**

Homework consists of:

- **Times tables** (set by Mrs Robson)
- **Spellings** (a sentence using each of the five words)
- **Takeaway** (project work that is linked to our termly topic)
- **My Maths** (set by their maths teacher)

Homework books are expected to be handed in on a Wednesday and will be handed back to the children on Friday. Please remind the children to hand their books in on time so that they can be marked.

A few children have found navigating *My Maths* and completing the tasks tricky. Unfortunately, you cannot save your progress and then return later to complete your task. This means

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that the children have to complete their *My Maths* task in one session. Another issue has been not saving work after completing a task. When you complete your task and a result is given, your session is automatically saved and you can close the screen. If you press *next* it will reset the session and all progress will be lost.

The maths tasks are usually linked to our focus in numeracy for that week. If your child logs onto *My Maths* and finds the task too challenging please do not panic! It is absolutely fine for them to attempt some of their own number problems, using the weeks focus, in their homework book.

If you are unsure about any element of the homework please do not hesitate to come and see us. We hope that this is useful, and please let us know if there are any queries.

Forest School:

Mr Stowe's class will be starting forest school on Thursday week 1. More information will be given to the children next week.

Key dates:

Haro – Mr Godby

September 22nd September, Haro sharing assembly.

Ob – Mr Stowe)

October 20th October, Ob sharing assembly.