



LANGSTONE JUNIOR ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Homework Expectations

As we start the Spring term, I just wanted to thank all families for the continued support regarding homework. We are so proud that most children complete their homework on time and we can see the effort that many children have put in to this.

What homework is set?

Each week, on a Wednesday, your child will be given the following:

- Maths related tasks based on learning including weekly arithmetic practice
- Times Tables Rock Stars sessions
- Punctuation and grammar work to support English learning
- Daily reading including a MYON Project (see below)
- Spelling homework set on Spelling Shed (NEW)

The school has invested in a great programme called Spelling Shed to help children practise their spellings as we have noticed that many children continue to struggle with spelling statutory spelling words. The link for the website will be on your child's Google Classroom or can be found at the following address: <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login>

Your child will come home with their own Spelling Shed log in which they can use to access their spelling homework. They must complete five short games each week. If your child has difficulty accessing technology at home, or has any issues logging in to the website, please let your class teacher know via email ASAP so that we can resolve this.

When is homework due in?

Homework will normally be due in every Tuesday. If there is a change to this, your child will be told in class.

If homework is not completed at home, they will be asked to join homework club at break or lunchtime to give them the opportunity to complete the same learning as their peers.

MYON Project

As a school, we have access to MYON which is a fantastic reading resource. The children will be familiar with this as they have used it in previous years.

This half term, we have set a reading project linked to our unit on natural disaster. This project requires children to read the books set to them and complete the Accelerated Reader quiz attached to it. The



fantastic element to MYON is that it can read the book out loud. It is absolutely fine for your child to use this feature. We encourage you to also engage with your child with their reading so that they can share their learning with you.

The deadline for this project to be completed is Thursday 8th February. Whilst your child will be given some time in school to work towards this project, it is important that they also read at home as they will not have enough time to complete the work in class.

Project homework

A project based homework was handed out towards the end of last half term. Your child will have been provided with the following slip:

Independent Learning Project

In class, you will be researching one specific type of natural disaster: either a volcano, a tsunami or an earthquake. For your learning project, you need to develop your own line of enquiry.

You could focus on:

- A different type of natural disaster
- One specific natural disaster event which has occurred in history (not Pompeii – we will be doing this in class)
- The impact of natural disasters on a location.

It is up to you to organise and present your project how you would like to. This could be done in multiple ways. Be creative!

A suggested timetable for your project might be:

Week 1 & 2 – Carry out some initial research and decide on your enquiry question and how you want to present your information. Think about what resources you might need.

Week 3 & 4 – Locate some different sources of information and begin taking notes/sketches etc.

Week 5 – Begin presenting your information.

Week 6 – Reflect on the progress you have made. What changes might you need to make? Have you answered your enquiry question?

Week 7 & 8 – Complete the presentation of your information.

Due date: Monday 19th February 2024

Project homework is optional but we are excited to see what your children come up with!

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Bellamy