



At Tannery Drift First School, we hope to work in strong partnership with parents and carers to support children's learning and progress. We do not want homework to dominate home and school life and we very much believe that home learning should be an enjoyable and manageable experience for all. We recommend the following activities - we do not specify the amount of time that must be spent on a task, preferring families to set their own routines.

Our routines and expectations

READING

5x a week.

Learning to read, and a love of reading, is directly linked to children's success at school and beyond, so achieving a good balance of reading for enjoyment and skills practice is essential. It is not just about listening to children read their school reading book, but also daily sharing of texts; talking about books, words and pictures, and retelling stories together are all vital in facilitating a love of books and reading.

We ask that parents/carers write a record in their child's Reading Record at least 3x weekly.

SPELLING

Weekly practise.

All children in Key Stages 1 and 2 (Year 1-4) are taught spellings within class spelling lessons. These lessons cover ways to learn spellings and certain rules or patterns. In addition to these spelling rules, children are also expected to know 'High Frequency Words', which are words that are used regularly but often do not follow a pattern.

High Frequency Word lists are provided to parents yearly and, regular practice of these at home, using a range of strategies, is key to supporting children's learning. Suggestions for how to practise these words will also be provided by class teachers at either year group information evenings or parents evening.

TIMES TABLES

All children in Key Stages 1 and 2 (Years 1-4) have a log in for 'Times Tables Rock Stars' which they can access to practise their times tables at home. Children from Year 2 upwards are expected to recall times table facts.

Below are the expectations for each year group:

Year 1:

Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Recall and use all doubles to 10 and corresponding halves.

Year 2:

Count in multiples of 2, 3, 4 and 10. Recall multiplication and division facts for 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Year 3:

Count in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100. Recall multiplication and division facts for 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Year 4:

Count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 1,000. Recall all multiplication and division facts for all tables up to 12x12.

100 THINGS TO DO WHILST AT TANNERY DRIFT FIRST SCHOOL

To enrich children's time while they are with us we have written '100 Things to do whilst at Tannery Drift First School', which includes a wide range of activities, many of which are suitable for families to enjoy together. Children are invited to bring in photos or share their experiences of the activities in school.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS

If you are concerned that your child cannot access the spellings or reading material that they have been given, please speak to their class teacher.