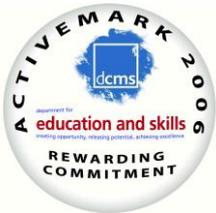




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Dear KS1 Parents

We had a very good response to our home learning survey in the summer term and as a result we are planning to make some changes over the current academic year. Below you will find a summary of what we have in place already and some additional exciting changes.

## Spellings - for all children in year One and Two

*Spellings* will be given and tested each Monday, starting next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. It is useful to encourage your child to LOOK at each word, SAY it, COVER it up, WRITE it, and if necessary, WRITE it again. Your child will also bring home a spelling book with their spellings for that week stuck in and for their test they will write it in the back of the book. Please do not practise the spellings in the book. The spelling list is taken from the government's latest initiative 'Letters and Sounds' which we follow in school. The number of spellings targeted for each individual child will differ depending on their year group, needs and ability. This will usually be between five and ten per week.

## Learn By Heart (LBH) - for year Two children (initially)

Year 2 children will have numeracy home learning. The children will receive LEARN BY HEART fact cards plus instructions on how to use them on a Friday. These may include number bonds to 10 and 20, doubles and halves and also times tables. The following Friday they will be tested and as they progress they will receive new facts to learn.

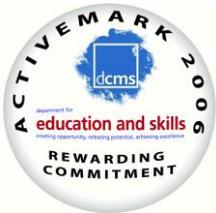
## Creative Home Learning

This will be given out at the beginning of every half term and collected in during the final week of every half term. We will send a note or text to remind you, so don't worry! The home learning will be linked to the topic of the half term. Your child will receive a creative home learning book which can be used to record their ideas and work. Some activities will not require the use of a book so a photo stuck in the book would be great! The work produced will then be shared by the pupil with the rest of their class during the last week of the half term. The home Learning is not designed to be done totally independently but collaboratively with an adult or older sibling at home. I have included our first example of creative home learning below. The list is not exhaustive so please feel free to add your own ideas into the 'pot'! As this is a new initiative in school we would welcome your feedback!

It would be great if your child could decorate their creative home learning book. This might include pictures or photos of hobbies, a repeating pattern, bubble letter writing or something else that you can think of.



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Please choose one or two activities from the following list and record your findings in your book:

- Produce a Gruffalo scene in a shoe box
- Make some creatures out of twigs and sticks
- Make a collage of a Gruffalo character using natural materials
- Visit a woodland and take some photos, draw some pictures or even make a den
- Make 'Owl ice cream' - write down the ingredients, draw a picture or take a photo
- Make a feast and go to the woods for a Gruffalo hunt!
- How many conkers / acorns can you collect? Practise counting them and grouping them in 10's , 5's and 2's (There may even be a prize for the most amount collected)
- Dress up and act out the Gruffalo with your family - video, record or take pictures of the event
- Go to the official Gruffalo website and play some games, sing some songs or meet the Gruffalo gang

## Maths games lending service

We will also be commencing a maths games lending service. This will begin on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm. If you would like to borrow a game from school then please come into the school hall with a parent at 3.30pm and everything will be explained.

Have fun with your creative home learning and thank you for your continued support!

Mr T. Whitehead  
Assistant Head