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Homework Policy: Robins, Wrens and Nightingales

Aims of homework

At Northbourne, we believe that homework should:

- Help children extend and build on the learning taking place in the classroom
- Help parents and family members play a full and active role in their child's education

Each week, your child will be set...

Maths Homework <i>(Around 15mins a week)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils will be assigned specific, personalised games and activities through the Mathletics website (www.mathletics.co.uk) to practise and consolidate classroom learning. Your child will record their username and password for this website at the front of their reading diary. • Activities will be set on Sunday and need to be completed by the start of the following Sunday. The website shows teachers when the work is completed and how pupils have got on. • Sometimes, mathletics will not have an appropriate task for children to use to consolidate their in-class learning. On these occasions, a different activity—such as a game or worksheet— will be sent home instead. • Increasingly during Y2, pupils will also be set activities to complete on the Times Table Rock Stars website; log-in details for this will be sent home when the site needs to be used.
Spelling <i>(5mins a day)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A set of spellings, linked to phonic patterns and common exception words, will be sent home on Thursday in reading diaries and tested the following week (also on Thursday). • These should be looked at, any relevant rule discussed, and the words practised at home ready for the child's test each week.
Reading <i>(5- 10mins a day)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are encouraged to read part of their reading scheme book to an adult every evening. • It is really helpful for class teachers if this is recorded in reading diaries, along with any comments. • These books will be changed on Friday morning in school. We will keep you updated on their colour book band with a note about any changes in their Reading Diary. Please see the Reading in Key Stage One letter for more information.

What feedback will I receive?

- It is helpful to teachers to have a short comment when a child has struggled with homework, or found it especially easy. Please drop a brief email or note to your child's teacher if they have any problems with any homework; you are welcome to use your child's reading diary for this, or can use the keystageone@northbourne.oxon.sch.uk email address.
- Teachers will try to send a brief response to any such comments. Please keep in mind that your child will not be asked to complete any work at home which they haven't been introduced to in class.
- It is helpful to have comments from home about aspects of reading which are going well or proving a struggle; please use the home-school reading diary to record these. These are checked daily, so please record any reading which your child does.

How can I help my child with their homework?

- We know that things at home are busy! Wherever you can, ensure that your child has time and quiet space to complete their homework in amongst this schedule of weekly activities.
- If possible, tackle homework as soon as possible. This will allow time to get in touch with your child's class teacher if there are any problems, especially during this time when quick face-to-face meetings and discussions in passing are slightly harder to facilitate.
- Talk to your child about the methods they have been learning in class—especially in maths. We know that the way maths is taught is different to how many of us were taught, but your child will not be asked to complete any work they have not been practising in school. If, after discussion, your child still struggles with this, get in touch with your child's teacher who will be happy to help.
- Keep us informed about any problems with homework—whether these are related to the activity or the timescale, we are happy to provide advice or allow extra time for work to be completed when asked in advance.
- Similarly, let teachers know about any successes to allow these to be shared and celebrated in class.

Please remember, your child's class teacher is always happy to answer any questions you may have or provide any help which you need. While this can be slightly harder to arrange than it normally would be currently, please don't let that stop you getting in touch and someone will get back to you as soon as they can.