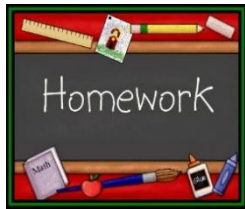


Year 1 and 2 - Curriculum Overview and Homework Activities



Our learning

This term, our topic is 'I'm a survivor!'

As part of **I Am A Clever Writer**, the children will be checking that they can form the letters of the alphabet accurately, making sure they sit on the line, that letters start and finish in the correct place, descenders such as g, y, p go below the line and ascenders such as l, d, b, reach the top of the line. This is an important part of learning to write. As they become competent with forming the letters, the cognitive overload is reduced, allowing the children time to focus on the subject matter and features of the writing more freely. This half term, we will be focusing on retelling stories including, The Rainbow Fish, Noah's Ark, Room on the Broom and Giraffe's Can't Dance, including past tense verbs, sentence structure, using the word said and including a variety of sentence openers.

- ✚ During Maths lessons, we will focus on the cornerstone concept of place value. Understanding place value is crucial as it helps children grasp the value of each digit in a number which is fundamental to all future Maths learning.
- ✚ In Science, we will explore how various animals and plants adapt to their environments, demonstrating their incredible survival skills in the wild.
- ✚ In Geography, we will be locating and exploring both human and physical features in our local area, helping us understand how these elements shape our community and environment.
- ✚ In Computing lessons, we will further explore how to stay safe on the internet, linking this back to and building upon our prior learning.
- ✚ In Art we will explore the work of Andy Goldsworthy and Walter Mason using natural objects as our inspiration for creating landscape art and printing using leaves.

Reading every night is the most important thing you can do to support your child with their learning. Use the books sent home to support with this. There are weekly spellings to learn, as well as TTROCKSTARS and time tables practice. We also set weekly Maths homework– your child will be given a sheet to stick in the homework book ready to complete each week.

These things MUST be completed before attempting any of the homework tasks below. The tasks below are optional extras.

<u>Survival Kit Poster</u> Create a poster of items that you would include in a survival kit. Draw an item and write a sentence about why it's important for survival.	<u>Animal Adaptations Research</u> Choose an animal that has special adaptations to survive in its environment. Draw the animal and write a few sentences about its adaptations and how they help it survive in its habitat.	<u>Outdoor Scavenger Hunt</u> Go on an outdoor scavenger hunt to find items that might be useful for survival, such as a sturdy stick, water source or shelter materials. Make a list of the items that you find and describe how they could be used.	<u>Survival Story</u> Write a short story about a character who gets lost in the wilderness and must use survival skills to find their way home. Include details about how they find food, water and shelter.
<u>Survival Skills Research</u> Research a specific survival skill, such as finding water or navigating by the stars. Write a step-by-step guide on how to perform this skill.	<u>Create A Rescue Signal</u> Design a creative rescue signal using natural materials or household items. Draw or make the signal and explain how it would help rescuers find you in an emergency.	<u>Survivor Interview</u> Interview a family member or friend who has experienced a challenging situation. Write down their story and what they did to 'survive' and overcome the challenge.	<u>Survival Map</u> Create a map of your local area and include potential shelter spots, water sources and landmarks to help guide you safely home.