



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

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Please find details of our revised homework arrangements below. Your child will bring home their individual log ins for online accounts on Monday 14th September.

Spellings

Weekly spelling lists for all year groups will now be accessed online and found on the school website class pages. We apologise for changing these arrangements for the children in year one and two from what was stated on the newsletter. By uploading the spellings online we hope to minimise the amount of paper we are using and also ensure that spellings do not get lost between school and home.

Spelling Shed

We have been utilising Spelling Shed in school for some time now and know that some of the children have been choosing to use this at home to practise either their year group or focus spellings. We are now going to allocate weekly spellings using our Spelling Shed programme. This means that children in Years 1-6 can log in to their spelling shed account and will see that an assignment has been set for them which matches their weekly spellings. By clicking on this assignment they can then practise their weekly class spellings using the online games (or of course rehearse them in their own way at home). The children can still play the general spelling shed game, however we do ask that the assigned spellings become their main focus for the week. Children will have a weekly spelling test in class. A parent's guide for using Spelling Shed can be downloaded from:

<https://s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/files.edshed.com/docs/Parent+Guide+for+Spelling+Shed.pdf>

Reading

In the current situation, we are trying to minimise items travelling between home and school, however we do recognise the importance of reading both at home and in school, and of your child having a reading book that is suited to their reading ability. In Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) we will therefore be allowing the children to choose one school book that is within their ZPD level. This book can travel between home and school. Once completed, the children will sit an Accelerated Reader quiz in school as normal. Please do support your child in ensuring that they bring their school book to school each day.

Key Stage 1 teachers have included information about their reading arrangements in their class newsletters so please refer to this if necessary. Teachers in the Early Years unit will be in touch in due course regarding reading for their classes.

Maths

As you are aware, we will no longer be using Maths Whizz. After successful trials of different platforms which support key areas of learning, children now have access to the following for use at home and in school:

Year 1 and Year 2 – Numbots

Year 3 and Year 4 – Times Tables Rockstars

Year 5 and Year 6 – Maths Shed

For children in Year 2 – Year 6, it is expected that they engage with the online platforms for **30 minutes per week** at home. Children in Year 1 will use Numbots in school to support classroom learning. Whilst there is no expectation that Year 1 children log on at home, they are able to do so if they wish. For children in Reception, Miss Rennie will pass on details about Numbots in due course.

Any assignments and sessions that children are directed to online will be part of the 30 minutes per week, not in addition. The children will be shown the platforms and be given opportunity to practice in school.

As always, please feel free to contact your child's teacher via email if you require any further information.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr L Andrews
Maths Lead

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English Lead

