



Maple Class Topic Homework – First Half of Autumn Term

The purpose of homework is to help children practise and extend skills which will further enable them as they learn in school. Please see below for information about homework:

1. Topic Homework

Children will have a choice of six tasks (on page 2). For home learning, they can choose 1, 2, 3 or all of these to work on and bring in or submit via email admin@christchurch.shropshire.sch.uk by Monday 19th October. During the last week of the half term children will have opportunities to present in a homework gallery and discuss the work, learning from each other and giving recognition and feedback. Please encourage your children to ask if there are any resources that they need to borrow/use to be able to join in with homework.

2. Reading

It is a significant support to children's learning and overall wellbeing that they read from a book or hear their parents or carers read to them as part of their everyday life. Research shows that regular reading and shared reading help to develop children's vocabulary, language skills, comprehension and enjoyment of reading, while also supporting their wellbeing and confidence.

This is why we aim to build reading into our partnership between school and home. We aim to develop responsible readers, therefore any reading that is practised at home can be recorded in your child's diary either by themselves or an adult. We ask children to do **at least 5 reads a week** and record them in their reading diary. Evidence shows that children who read regularly and enjoy reading are more likely to develop stronger reading skills and achieve well across the curriculum.

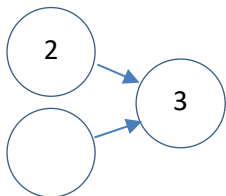
This can be a mixture of reading independently, reading to an adult, reading to a sibling or being read to by an adult. Children can record their own books but please also make sure that they are reading their school books for some of the '5 reads'. When a child reaches 30 reads, they receive a free book from the Christ Church Bookshop.

3. Spellings

Your child will receive a new set of words in their little red book every Friday with the new spelling words on it to learn. Spellings will be linked to the National Curriculum. Your child will have a log in for Spelling Shed, where they can practise their weekly spellings, which is stuck inside their spelling books. Assignments are set on here which relate to the weekly spelling rule. We encourage children to log onto these fun games to help reinforce the weekly spellings. Spelling tests take place every Friday morning. Spelling shed: <https://play.edshed.com/login>

4. Maths Facts

Children will be tested on number bonds or times tables on a Friday. They will begin in Year 1 with their number bonds to 3 and will be presented as a part-whole model (to begin with, please see below), children will then move to 4, 5, 6 and so on. Once completed they will then move to number bonds to 10, 20 and then 100, these are as a number sentence e.g. $16 + ____ = 20$.



The missing number would be 1, written in the empty circle.

Quick fire practise of maths facts at home consolidates learning in school and is essential to help build maths fluency. There is no special equipment is needed – parents can ask questions themselves and children can try to answer as quickly as possible.

Year 1: number bonds to 10, 20 and 100; halves and doubles of numbers to 10 and 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Year 2: all of the above as well as 3 times table.

Children can also use Maths Shed to develop maths skills – their log ins are stuck in their Reading Diaries and are the same as Spelling Shed log in. Here is the link: <https://www.mathshed.com/en-gb/>

Practise with number bonds and times tables can also be done on Hit the Button app or website.

Hit The Button: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

I also recommend a brilliant free app from White Rose which is the Maths curriculum we use in school. It is called 1 Minute Maths and can be downloaded for free and allows opportunities to practise number bonds and times tables.



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During the last week of the half term children will have opportunities to present, view and discuss the work in a homework gallery, learning from each other and giving recognition and feedback. Please encourage your children to ask if there are any resources that they need to borrow/use to be able to join in with homework. Please encourage your children to ask if there are any resources that they need to borrow/use to be able to join in with homework. Tasks may be completed in whatever form your child chooses – handwritten, word processed etc. and they may want to include photos or other methods of recording. As children are now in Year 1 and Year 2, it is important that they start to develop their own organisational and motivational skills, so please could you encourage your child to complete their homework as independently as possible.

Geography link:

Can create a poster on a country from around the world? Create a fact file, include the flag, capital city, interesting animals, food and a famous landmark.



Art link:

Can you go on a nature treasure hunt? Collect 10 natural objects and create a collage.. can you label your findings?



Science link:

Can you research your favourite animal and make a poster? Can you include: it's habitat, what it eats, three interesting facts and a picture?



Science link

Can you search your garden and find a microhabitat? Can you draw a picture of it and record where you spotted them?



Computing link

Take photographs of things that make your local area special. Create a collage and add captions.



Art link

Create a piece of artwork inspired by a place in the word such as the Northern Lights, a rainforest, a desert or the Great Barrier Reef.



Year 1 Spellings

We will be practising these words in class this half term and ask children to have a go at home either on Spelling Shed or by writing them out on paper- whichever they find most helpful. This term, we will focus on the common exception words for Year 1 as well as revising some of the reception phonemes taught.

Friday 11th September Year 1 common exception words  Year 1 - Friday 11th September 2026 he she we do go to the no I me	Friday 18th September /ai/ and /oi/ phonemes  Friday 18th September 2026 train soil coin coil fail sail rain foil stain point	Friday 25th September Year 1 common exception words  Year 1 - Friday 25th September 2026 of said was be is are says has his a	Friday 2nd October /ar/ and /ee/ phonemes  Year 1 - Friday 2nd October 2026 car start star dart peel weed far feel meet green
Friday 9th October Year 1 common exception words  Year 1 - Friday 9th October 2026 love ask you so my by come your they some	Friday 16th October /oa/ and /ur/ phonemes  Year 1 - Friday 16th October 2026 coat turn float church slurp hurt road coach boat burst	Friday 23rd October All of the taught common exception words  Year 1 - Friday 23rd October 2026 I has no ask was come so he she is do are the you of said they says a some my be love we your his go to by me EdShed Copyright © 2026 Education Shed Ltd. shed.ly/SZNBRMY	

Year 2 Spellings

We will be practising these words in class this half term and ask children to have a go at home either on Spelling Shed or by writing them out on paper- whichever they find most helpful.

Friday 11th September Spelling Shed 🗨️ Words where 'dge' makes a /j/ sound smudge bridge badge dodge ridge judge edge wedge fudge lodge	Friday 18th September Spelling Shed 🗨️ Words where 'ge' makes a /j/ sound range fringe strange orange pigeon change hinge charge sponge dungeon	Friday 25th September Spelling Shed 🗨️ Words where 'g' makes a /j/ sound gem engine magic gym religion giraffe energy digit giant gentle	Friday 2nd October Spelling Shed 🗨️ Words where 'c' makes an /s/ sound before 'e', 'i' and 'y' circle circus rice lace city cell ice fancy space race
Friday 9th October Spelling Shed 🗨️ Words where 'kn' and 'gn' make a /n/ sound at the beginning of words knee knit gnaw knight know gnat knock kneel knew gnome	Friday 16th October Spelling Shed 🗨️ Challenge words 2.6 kind because mind door behind children floor poor find child	Friday 23rd October Spelling Shed 🗨️ Words where 'wr' makes a /r/ sound at the beginning of words wrapped wrap wrote wren wrong written wrecked write wrestle wriggle	