

Homework

Welcome to our homework grids. Children in all year groups from Y1 to Y6 will receive a half termly grids with a range of exciting topic activities to complete alongside key skills tasks. Please see the 'How To' guide, below for a full explanation of how these work. Great examples of homework tasks will be celebrated in assemblies and displayed in school.

For those children and families who produce homework digitally, please send work to admin@dishforthairfield.n-yorks.sch.uk work will be forwarded to the relevant teachers

How to use the homework grids:

- Each grid lasts for a half term
- New grids will be issued each half term
- Children will need to complete one piece of topic / project homework per week (**right hand side of the grid**)
- Children will need to practise the key spellings & key maths facts (**left hand side of the grid**)
- Children can choose **up to 2** topic / project based tasks from any one area such as maths & problem solving or RE, per half term (**to avoid children only ever completing topic activities from the RE section, for example, up to 2 tasks can be selected from any one area**)
- Children will need to decide how they would like to practise their key spellings and key maths facts. **Parents need to support their children in finding the best ways to secure these facts. We hope this is something you can do together.**
- Children will need to submit their homework on Thursdays (**this will consist of one topic task and evidence of key spelling & maths facts practice**).

All homework will be acknowledged by the class teacher and or teaching assistant. This may be verbally, a written comment, remark or sticker. Please don't feel work has not been appreciated or noticed if comments are not written; we **always** look at everything that is sent in.

Spelling Strategies

Look, say, cover, write, check	This is probably the most common strategy used to learn spellings. Look: first look at the whole word carefully and if there is one part of the word that is difficult, look at that part in more detail. Say: say the word as you look at it, using different ways of pronouncing it if that will make it more memorable. Cover: cover the word. Write: write the word from memory, saying the word as you do so. Check: Have you got it right? If yes, try writing it again and again! If not, start again – look, say, cover, write, check.
Trace, copy and replicate (and then check)	This is a similar learning process to 'look, say, cover, write, check' but is about developing automaticity and muscle memory. Write the word out on a sheet of paper ensuring that it is spelt correctly and it is large enough to trace over. Trace over the word and say it at the same time. Move next to the word you have just written and write it out as you say it. Turn the page over and write the word as you say it, and then check that you have spelt it correctly. If this is easy, do the same process for two different words at the same time. Once you have written all your words this way and feel confident, miss out the tracing and copying or the tracing alone and just write the words.
Segmentation strategy	The splitting of a word into its constituent phonemes in the correct order to support spelling.
Quickwrite	Writing the words linked to the teaching focus with speed and fluency. The aim is to write as many words as possible within a time constraint. Pupils can write words provided by the teacher or generate their own examples. For example, in two minutes write as many words as possible with the /i:/ phoneme. This can be turned into a variety of competitive games including working in teams and developing relay race approaches.
Drawing around the word to show the shape	Draw around the words making a clear distinction in size where there are ascenders and descenders. Look carefully at the shape of the word and the letters in each box. Now try to write the word making sure that you get the same shape. t o t a l l y

Drawing an image around the word	This strategy is all about making a word memorable. It links to meaning in order to try to make the spelling noticeable.  You can't use this method as your main method of learning spellings, but it might work on those that are just a little more difficult to remember.
Words without vowels	This strategy is useful where the vowel choices are the challenge in the words. Write the words without the vowels and pupils have to choose the correct grapheme to put in the space. For example, for the word <i>field</i>: f ld
Pyramid words	This method of learning words forces you to think of each letter separately. p py pyr pyra pyram pyrami pyramid You can then reverse the process so that you end up with a diamond.
Other strategies	Other methods can include: • Rainbow writing. Using coloured pencils in different ways can help to make parts of words memorable. You could highlight the tricky parts of the word or write the tricky part in a different colour. You could also write each letter in a different colour, or write the word in red, then overlay in orange, yellow and so on. • Making up memorable 'silly sentences' containing the word • Saying the word in a funny way – for example, pronouncing the 'silent' letters in a word • Clapping and counting to identify the syllables in a word.