

Homework Policy

Rendell Primary School defines homework as any activity that pupils undertake outside of school time, either on their own or with the support of family members. We have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of developing this partnership.

We believe that homework should not dominate home and school life. We accept that not every activity will capture children and parents' imagination and evenings and weekends can sometimes be busy. We believe that homework should be enjoyable and manageable for all concerned and that if it becomes a chore/burden/source of conflict it ceases to be a constructive aspect of teaching and learning. We hope that children are motivated by the tasks set so that they are eager to complete homework.

Homework in our school

Homework at Rendell will come in a range of forms. Teachers will produce a topic linked homework information document for parents. This will help them to know what homework activities they can do with their children to share their learning in topic through school. The document will be posted on the school website in the relevant year group page. Homework will consist of a range of activities that explore different subjects and have a variety of suggested outcomes. This homework enables parents to share in their child's learning in a fun and engaging way. It also provides opportunity for the children to share what they have been working on at home with their class, displayed in the classrooms and around the school generally. As such, will not be monitored or marked by teachers, but celebrated and rewarded when completed.

More formalised homework to support children with their core knowledge in reading, writing and mathematics will also be provided and added to the homework information document. This will incorporate a range of online and paper-based tasks that are monitored by teachers. The programme/activity will vary dependent on the year group or personal targets of each child and is explained below.

Spellings

Children from Foundation - Year 6 will take home spellings from the 'Common Exception Words' list. These should be shared and practiced by the children a few times a week. In school, children will not complete a traditional spelling test, but instead apply these words in context through a range of handwriting and dictation activities.

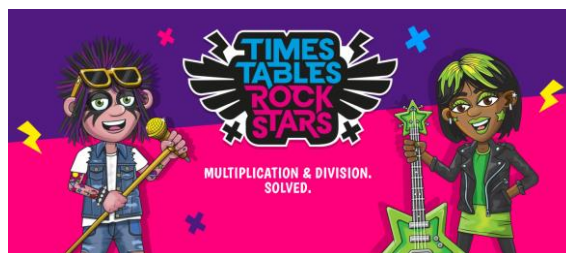
Foundation and Year 1 Number



NumBots is all about every child achieving the "triple win" of understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction, so that they move from counting to calculating. Teachers will allocate specifically challenges and pupils will be able to work through the programme, unlocking new stages as they progress and strengthen their number knowledge up to 20.

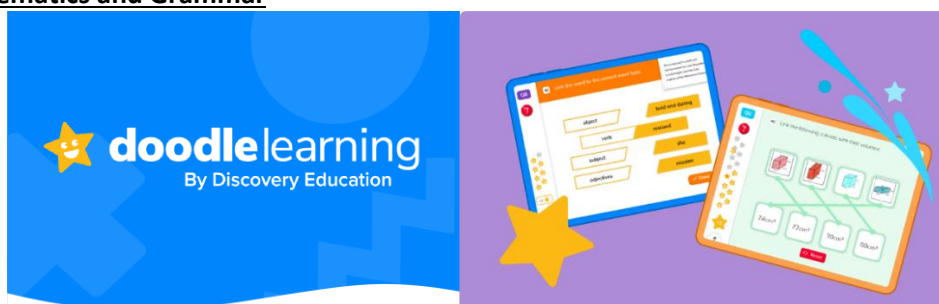
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Year 2-6 Times Tables



Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) is an award winning maths programme that takes all the worry out of learning times tables and has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division. Teachers are able to set specific sessions for children to engage with and the programming that sits behind it automatically tailors the questions to close gaps in knowledge and add challenge for progression.

KS2 Mathematics and Grammar



Year 4-6 – Doodle Learning covers the core areas of maths and English, their four apps will create your child a unique work programme precisely tailored to their needs, helping to boost their confidence and ability.

Reading



Foundation – Year 6 – BOOM Reader is our digital reading record allowing parents and children to record their daily reading and earn reward coins as they go. These tokens can be used to build outfits and accessories for their 'Boomer' which can then be shared in class.

Details about the frequency of engagement will be outlined in the homework information leaflet for each year group. Where children are not engaging with homework on a regular basis, they will be asked to stay during a lunchtime homework help session where a teacher in their year group will be around to help them if they need extra support.

Children in Year 6 may also be given additional homework tasks from time to time to prepare them for secondary school and their SATs exams.