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"Inspired by Cumbria, Ready for the World"

Sunday 14th April 2024

Subject: Welcome Back to School for the summer term!

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well and refreshed after a wonderful Easter break. As we embark on the start of the summer term, I want to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome back to our school community.

We are excited to see our children return to school on **Tuesday 16th April**, at the usual time of 8:45 am. The hallways and classrooms will once again be filled with laughter, curiosity, and the energy of eager learners ready to embark on new adventures in their educational journey.

Communication

As we begin this term together, I want to take a moment to remind our school community about the various channels of communication available to you. Whether you have questions, concerns, or simply want to share something with us, please feel free to reach out to the school office, your child's teachers, or myself. We value open and transparent communication and are here to support you in any way we can. ***(please refer to 'Communication between school and our families')***

Homework

As we commence the new term, I would like to take a moment to remind you of our school's homework expectations. Homework plays an integral role in reinforcing learning, developing independent study skills, and fostering a sense of responsibility among our students.

We believe that homework should be purposeful, manageable, and relevant to the curriculum. It is designed to complement classroom learning and provide opportunities for pupils to consolidate their understanding, practice new skills, and extend their knowledge.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that homework is completed on time and to the best of your child's ability. Encouraging a positive attitude towards homework and providing a quiet and supportive environment for study at home can greatly enhance your child's learning experience.

Should you have any questions or concerns about our homework policy or your child's homework assignments, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or the school office. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.



Headteacher
Assistant Headteacher
Business Manager

Mr J Stewart
Mrs L Barber
Mrs M Harris

School Extra Curricular Clubs

At our school, we believe that learning extends far beyond the traditional classroom setting, which is why we are proud to offer a diverse range of Extra Curricular Clubs that serve as an extension of our school curriculum. These clubs provide unique opportunities for students to explore their interests, develop new skills, and cultivate friendships in a fun and supportive environment.

From sports and arts to STEM and community service, our Extra Curricular Clubs cater to a wide range of interests and passions. Whether your child is a budding athlete, an aspiring artist, a future scientist, or simply looking to try something new, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Participating in Extra Curricular Clubs not only enriches pupils' academic experiences but also fosters important life skills such as teamwork, leadership, time management, and resilience. It provides them with valuable opportunities for personal growth and self-discovery, helping to shape them into well-rounded individuals.

Summer 1st half term:

- **Monday** – Gymnastics with Kim – 8am to 8.45am (EYFS)
- **Monday** – Golf Club with Mr Bie – 3.30pm to 4.30pm (Years 2 and 3)
- **Tuesday** – Crochet Club with Miss Reed – 3.30pm to 4.30pm (Year 5 and 6)
- **Wednesday** – Carlisle United football - 3:30pm to 4:30pm (Years 1 and 2)
- **Thursday** – Choir with Ed Taylor – 12:30pm to 1:30pm (Key Stage 2)
- **Thursday** – Carlisle United football – 3:30pm to 4:30pm (Years 5 and 6)

We encourage all pupils to take advantage of the many opportunities available through our Extra Curricular Clubs and to discover new passions, make lasting memories, and build connections that will serve them well both inside and outside the classroom.

For more information about our Extra Curricular Clubs and how to get involved, please get in touch with the ECC Lead or contact the school office. Together, let's ignite a passion for learning and exploration that will last a lifetime.

Summer 1st half term dates

- **Tuesday 16th April** – Summer term starts (pupils return to school)
- **Wednesday 17th April** – New build poster competition assembly with Cubby Construction and Architect Plus
- **Thursday 18th April** – EYFS at Stock Wood
- **Tuesday 23rd April** – Year 3 and 4 Girls Football Tournament
- **Wednesday 24th April** – Year 1 and 2 Poetry Day at Thursby School
- **Wednesday 24th April** – Year 6 at Rose Castle (Gardening)
- **Tuesday 30th April** – Parents' Evening
- **Wednesday 1st May** – Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 2nd May** – Gymnastics Competition
- **Thursday 2nd May** – Claire's Cool Creatures in EYFS
- **Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May** – Year 6 SATs
- **Wednesday 15th May** – Vaping NHS workshop with Years 5 and 6
- **Thursday 16th May** – EYFS at Stock Wood
- **Friday 24th May** – End of half term (1 week half term break begins)
- **Monday 3rd June** – Summer 2nd half term starts.

Communication between school and our FAMILIES



SCHOLARPACK MESSAGES

Correspondences that includes pupils from more than 1 class will be sent through either an email or text message. The email will be sent through our cloud based school system 'ScholarPack'. You will be **unable** to reply to ScholarPack messages.

If you are not receiving emails or text messages from school through ScholarPack, please get in touch with the school office who will check our systems.



SEESAW

Every class teacher will be using SEESAW to communicate with the families of their pupils.

Families get notified when there are new posts in their student's journal. They can view posts and add likes and comments. Seesaw requires an invite from your child's teacher in order to sign up. If you do not have an invite QR code or link, contact your child's teacher. Up to 10 family members can connect to one child's journal.

The Family App gives family members a view of what their child is working on in the classroom. Family members can comment on student work, view announcements, and message their child's teacher. Family accounts cannot respond to Activities or posts directly to a student journal.



SEESAW

Families to follow these guidelines when using SEESAW to communicate with class teachers:

- Teachers will check/monitor SEESAW between 8am and 5pm (Mon-FRI).
- Teachers will reply to messages regarding teaching and learning (all other communication to be sent to admin@ or head@ email).
- Comments on posts will be monitored and will be replied to by staff (not every comment will be replied to).



admin@cumwhinton.cumbria.sch.uk

Please can the above email be used for the following:

- Correspondence about pupils (illness/appointments/absence info) that does not involve teaching and learning (SEESAW to be used for T&L communication with the class teacher).
- Any correspondence that requires the attention of Mrs Whittington or Mrs Harris in the office

If you are unsure who to send a correspondence to, please send it to

admin@cumwhinton.cumbria.sch.uk and it will be forwarded to the relevant class or member of staff.



head@cumwhinton.cumbria.sch.uk

Any correspondence that requires the attention of the Headteacher should be sent to the email address above.



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HOMework EXPECTATIONS

EYFS - YEAR 6



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All pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 will have reading and spelling homework. There will be separate homework expectations between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and these are detailed in the relevant sections.

All pupils will:



- ▶ Have a school reading book (reading stage) and this will be brought home so they can be heard reading (by an adult - daily if possible)
- ▶ Weekly spelling (RWI/high frequency & common exception words) - include handwriting as part of spellings (handwriting paper sent with spellings in homework book)



EYFS & Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

- ▶ Children will be set graphemes to learn (Phonics) - RWI video sent on SEESAW



Times tables practice

- ▶ Parents to be updated on the time tables the children are learning in class so they can continue the practicing at home.



Children in Year 2 to Year 6 need to consistently access Time Tables Rockstars as part of their ongoing home learning



Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 & 6)

- ▶ 1 piece of homework linked to the work being completed in class (*retrieval practice - from last term, last week or the week of the homework set*) - *homework should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete.*
- ▶ Spellings handwriting - please include weekly spellings into a sentence (forms part of the homework).

Homework to be set on a **Tuesday** and returned for the following **Monday**.

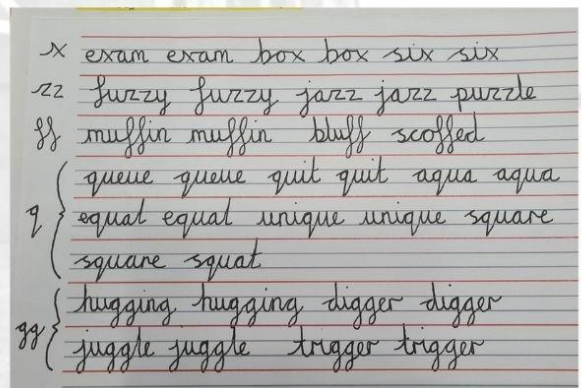
HANDWRITING IS A BASIC SKILL THAT INFLUENCES THE QUALITY OF WORK THROUGHOUT THE CURRICULUM. AT THE END OF KEY STAGE 2 ALL PUPILS SHOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO PRODUCE FLUENT, LEGIBLE AND, EVENTUALLY, SPEEDY JOINED-UP HANDWRITING, AND TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENT FORMS OF HANDWRITING USED FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES.

WE AIM TO MAKE HANDWRITING AN AUTOMATIC PROCESS THAT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH CREATIVE AND MENTAL THINKING.

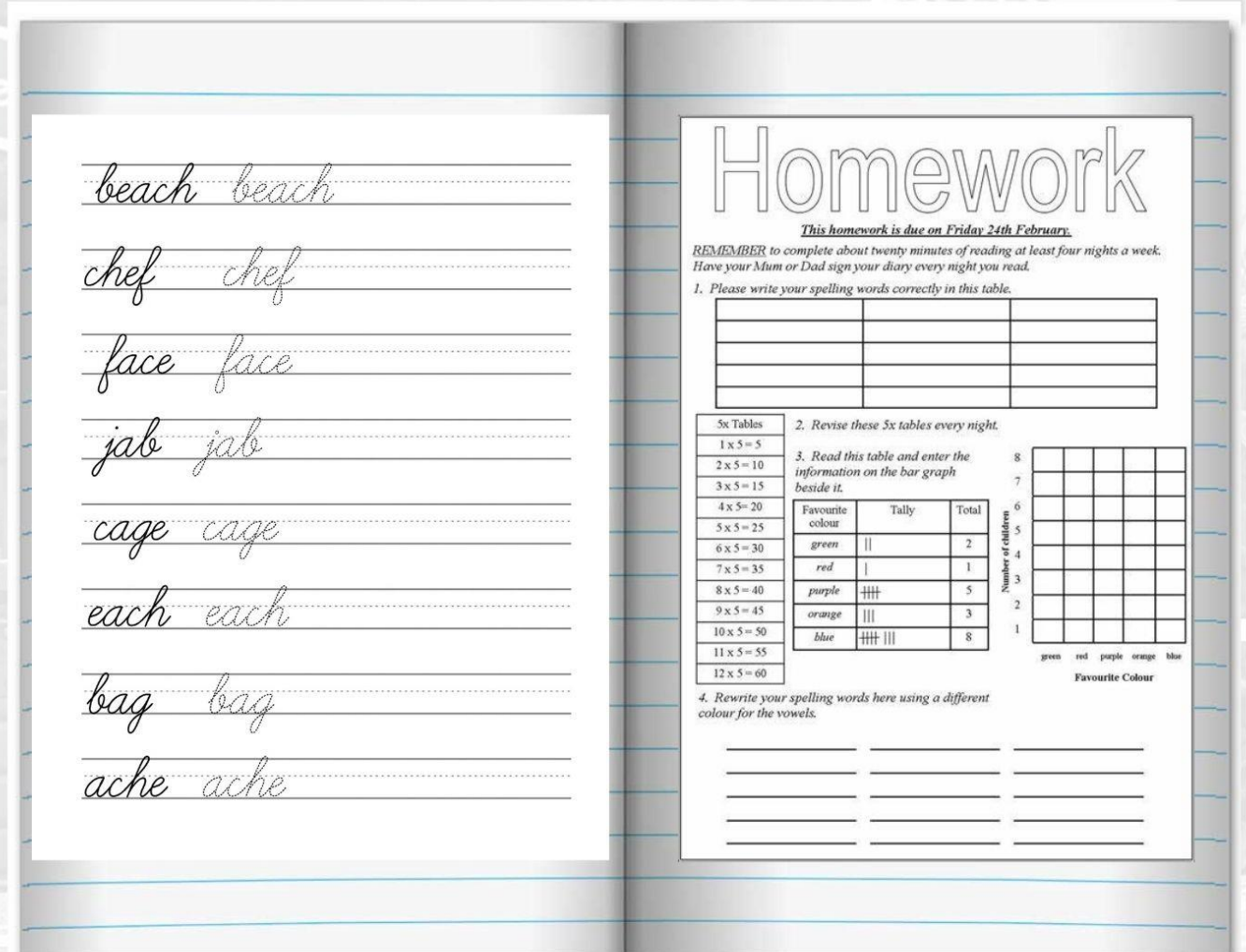


Single letters

c, o, a, d, g, q, s
e, f
n, m, l, h, b, p, r
i, j, k, t
u, y, v, w
x, z



Example of how the homework will be presented in homework books.



As we reassemble our school family, let us approach the summer term with positivity, enthusiasm, and a commitment to learning and growth. Together, we can make this term a memorable and rewarding experience for all.

Wishing you a fantastic start to the Summer term!

Warm regards,



Jon Stewart
Headteacher
Cumwhinton School