



# The Forest CE Federation

'Small enough to care. Large enough to inspire.  
Valuing all of God's children.'

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Last year across the Federation we didn't set a formal weekly homework task but asked you to work with your child on some of the key basic skills in English and Maths. This proved to be very successful and so we are going to continue this approach. The decision to send home no formal weekly homework was based on research which showed the very little or no impact that homework had on children's education.

Whilst no weekly homework will be sent home from school, there are still many things you can help your child with. There is a section on the school website which lists a range of activities you can complete at home relating to Reading, Phonics, Writing and Maths. There are also useful links to websites and APP's for you to view. To access these visit [www.forestfederation.co.uk](http://www.forestfederation.co.uk) and click on the curriculum tab. You will then see a 'homework ideas' page.

Your child will be sent home a year group specific spelling list. These are for your reference and for you to help your child with at home. These words are not tested on a weekly basis in school but are taught daily within spelling lessons. You can help your child to become familiar at reading and spelling these words.

We also ask you to spend time with your child on their key instant recall facts (KIRFs). These are listed as numbered PDF files on the homework page of the school website. They start from Year 1 and go through to Year 6. A list of suggested activities for each number fact are listed within the files.

If your child is in Reception then they will be sent home with phonics flashcards for you to use with your child at home, once they are settled into school life.

Daily reading is also essential at home whether your child is in Reception or Year 6. The more children read, the more opportunities they are open to, where they can experience a breadth of language and styles as well as lose themselves in imaginative worlds.

The children all have passwords to the website Mathletics via <http://uk.mathletics.com/> which they can use at home via a computer or tablet device. The teachers will set regular activities to be completed on Mathletics.

If you would like to discuss anything related to your child's learning at home, please speak to their class teacher.

Kind Regards

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