

homework



Homework I wanted to share with you the schools thoughts on homework and how it should be used to enhance our children's performance and ability. Although there are no statutory expectations for children of primary school age to complete regular homework, we would encourage children to complete some additional work at home to support the work that they do in school. Common homework activities in primary schools tend to be reading or practising spelling and number facts, but may also include more extended activities to develop inquiry skills or more directed and focused work such as revision for tests. At our school, we encourage the children to take part in Reading Plus and Times Table Rockstars, Numbots and spelling practise. We suggest that they do at least 20 minutes a day (totalling about 100 minutes a week - 50 minutes of reading and 50 minutes of times tables). Online platforms (such as TTRS) are a great way to develop times table knowledge in a fun and competitive way. If your child is unable to access the internet or does not have a device readily available for their use at home, school will be running a Tuesday lunchtime 'Homework Club' where children can access the internet and practise their times tables and reading under the supervision of a member of staff. I spoke to the children yesterday in assembly about how important it is to do a little bit of work at home and they all agreed and understood!



- 14 Jan - Parents Evening 4 - 6pm
- 16 Jan - Parents Evening 4 - 6pm
- 14 Feb - Break up
- 24 Feb - Training Day
- 25 Feb - Children return and Young Voices

Holy Trinity Church Visit Rowan Class will be visiting Holy Trinity Church in Dacre Banks next Wednesday as part of their learning about places of worship and what it means to be a Christian. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help out.



And finally...Friday 7th February 2025 We have been invited as a school to take part in Green Jumper Day next Friday. This is to raise money and awareness of climate change and we have been asked that all the children taking part, donate a £1.



The money that is raised goes towards developing and donating free educational games to schools like ours. For more information please follow the link: [greenjumperday.com](https://www.greenjumperday.com) Our children can wear any item of green clothing (it doesn't just have to be a jumper).

Don't forget its swimming for Willow Class on Monday!

It is **Children's Mental Health Week** next week and as such, there will be a focus in assemblies and in lessons on this important aspect of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Please note a change to our Parent Pop Ins and Sharing Assemblies. They will be as follows this term: **Sharing Assembly is on the 11th March** and a **Parent Pop In is on the 1st April**. Thank you.

This half term our whole school topic is: 'Ancient Civilisations'