



Dear parents/careers,

As our first half term together in year 1 draws to an end, I would like to clarify and confirm our homework / Home Journal and reading routines. Each child now has their orange Home Journal book which ensures all information goes in one book rather than 3 different ones.

The left hand side allows home and school to record when your child has read and what they read. This is also where it will be recorded when your child moves up a reading band. (I will be assessing every child during the final week of the half term so please look out for any changes to your child's band).

The right hand side provides a place for Spellings and Number Zumba targets. A new set of spellings are added every Monday and Number Zumba targets are added every Friday. The Number Zumba test that your child completes in school will also be added on a Friday so that you can see how they did. Please note that Number Zumba tests mental arithmetic skills and your child has 1 minute to complete the test. It would be beneficial when you are practising at home to time 1 minute so that your child becomes familiar with this.

There is also extra room in the spellings box where, if your child wants, they can use this as an area to practise. This is not a requirement and as the Home Journal book is not a Homework book, I will not check/mark any spelling practised in this book. The spelling test is completed in Literacy books and is marked and praised accordingly on either the Monday or Tuesday.

All topic homework, which is set once every half term, will be fully marked as it will be separate to this book.

Your child has a set day that they have their reading book changed every week, after lunch time. You can find this timetable on the classroom door. If your child does not have their book on their changing day, for whatever reason, please do not hesitate to let me know and we can arrange for it to be changed the following day.

I hope everyone has found this initial transition period from Reception to Year 1 a smooth one and if you have any questions regarding the Home Journal, Reading books or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you
Miss Waterhouse