

# ST. BEDE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Homework, Home Reading and Home Learning

Due to COVID 19 we are trying to set as much homework online as possible, to lower the risk of transmission.

### Home Learning

We are currently in the process of setting up Microsoft Teams accounts and you will receive your child's username and password for this in the coming weeks. If your child needs to isolate and are not ill, they also need to be working at home. We have new work packs uploaded for this at <http://www.stbedessacriston.co.uk/curriculum-classes/home-learning/> under Autumn Term 2020 Home Learning and your child's class.

### Home Reading

Books will be **sent out on Mondays and returned Fridays** so they can be quarantined for 48 hours before being sent out with another child and so staff can keep track of this effectively. Pupils may receive more than one book. If your child is in the juniors they may have longer books and need to keep them for longer than a week, this is fine providing they always hand them in on Fridays. **For those on the Accelerated Reader programme, we would encourage your child to complete these tests at home at present wherever possible.** All parents have details of these accounts but please contact the office with any queries you may have regarding this.

### Reading Journals and Reading Squares

Please send your child's reading journal in with any books they have finished every Friday. Be sure to write in their reading record each time they read and also complete their reading square with your initials every day they read. Please note, staff will be recording when they read with pupils in files in school rather than in their diaries this year to eliminate unnecessary contact with reading journals.

### Infants Phonics Teaching

We are currently developing our phonics teaching and systems in the infants. As part of this, all pupils in Reception and Year 1 will be receiving Read Write Inc books matched closely to the sounds they are learning in school. Pupils will only begin the Accelerated Reader programme when they have finished the Read Write Inc programme and are secure in their reading decoding and fluency. More specific information will be coming out to infant parents regarding this shortly.

### Homework

Basic skills are the main priority for homework this term. We cannot stress enough the importance of reading with your child each day to help their achievement in school and urge all parents to find time in their daily routines to do this.

### Homework for this half term will be as follows:

**Spellings:** these will be placed on the website at <http://www.stbedessacriston.co.uk/curriculum-classes/home-learning/> again under Autumn Term 2020 Home Learning and your child's class each Monday and tests will be taken the following Monday

### Reception-

**Year 1- Teach My Monster to Read and number bonds to 20**

**Year 2-Year 6: Accelerated Reading (please allow your child to complete tests at home) and Times Tables Rock Stars (at least 30 minutes per week.)**

**Any pupils with Lexia** accounts are also asked to complete 45 minutes of Lexia each week (5-10 mins per day). Some of this may be completed in school but it is very helpful if children can also work towards this target by logging on at home. We will also have our homework links for this term on the website very soon.

Teachers are able to monitor our online programmes in order to keep track of online learning. If you have any queries regarding pupil accounts, please contact the office. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we all adapt to the new arrangements.

Kind regards,

Mrs E Alderson Head Teacher