

## HOMEWORK IN YEAR 1



### Homework schedule

Homework is set on a Friday.

Homework **must be completed by the start of the school day on the following Thursday.**

Homework is not set over school holiday periods. However, we encourage children to continue to read daily.

### Homework tasks

Each week, children in Year 1 are asked to complete the following:

- **Daily Reading.** We ask parents and children to read together daily. This can be either sharing books or hearing children read (depending on children's ability and need). Your child's **digital reading record** on Showbie should be updated regularly (please strive for at least once or twice per week) to help staff in school celebrate and encourage your child's engagement with reading. The digital reading record can be used in a range of ways, many of which can help motivate and engage your child - we provide bookmarks with helpful prompts. Our **reading record videos** also provide some inspiration: <https://www.pda.lancs.sch.uk/homework/>
- **NumBots.** Children are asked to use the NumBots application at least once per week (prior to the deadline of Thursday). We recommend at least 15 minutes on NumBots. Login details are provided by school. NumBots supports children to develop recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction.
- **Common Exception Words.** Children will be given three common exception words to practise at home each week. Pupils should practise as much as possible, in readiness for a low-stakes quiz in school the following Friday. These are common words that contain unusual grapheme-phoneme correspondences. Simply, they do not follow a common phonetic spelling. Children need to be able to read and spell these words by the end of Year 1. Each week in school, quizzes and opportunities to practise these words are built in to teaching activities.

Teachers may occasionally share learning applications that have been selected to support phonics learning.

**There are no additional set tasks.**

### Accessing Showbie and Numbots

Digital reading records are accessed and updated via Showbie. Login details are provided by school.

You can access Showbie via the Showbie app or via a web browser: <https://my.showbie.com/signin>

NumBots can be accessed via a tablet or desktop computer – there is an app, or it can be accessed via a web browser. Login details are provided by school: <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/15462>

### Assessment and feedback

Staff will monitor the digital reading records to inform their understanding of your child's engagement with reading at home. Feedback will be provided (usually verbally in school) to encourage pupils and to celebrate their successes. Rewards may be given to celebrate exceptional effort with home reading.

Staff will use the weekly Common Exception Words quiz to gain an understanding of your child's success with spelling these words. **Please note:** These quizzes are low-stakes and are designed so that they are not a stressful experience for your child. As such, results sheets are not sent home. Teachers will communicate with you to raise any concerns in relation to spelling these words. A progress update will be shared with you each half term.

Staff will monitor the progress pupils make within NumBots. This will inform classroom teaching. Feedback may occasionally be given to highlight and celebrate successes or to support pupils to improve their progress. This will usually be given verbally at school.

Staff will liaise with parents where there are concerns about engagement with homework.

**Additional information can be found in the Homework Policy.**

**Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home.**