

HOMEWORK IN YEAR 4



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 4 are asked to complete the following:

- **Daily Reading.** We ask children to read daily. The 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. We encourage children to update these themselves. 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/>
- **Spellings.** Alongside our teaching scheme for spelling in school, children are asked to practise spellings at home every week. In Year 4, this is done via the Spelling Shed application. Each Friday, a new spelling pattern is assigned within Spelling Shed. Pupils should log in and practise as much as possible, in readiness for a low-stakes quiz in school the following Thursday. Children can complete a range of spelling challenges within the app, as well as practising using a pencil and paper. Children will learn these same spellings throughout the week in school – there is a one-hour spelling lesson each Monday, followed by regular opportunities to practise / revisit throughout the week.
- **Times Tables.** Children are asked to use the Times Tables Rockstars application at least once per week (prior to the deadline of Thursday). We recommend a minimum of 15 minutes. Times Tables Rockstars supports children to develop fluent recall of multiplication facts (and corresponding division facts).

There are no additional set tasks.

Accessing Showbie, Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed

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>

Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed can both be accessed via a tablet or desktop computer – both can be accessed via the web browser and there is a Times Tables Rockstars app. Login details are provided by school.

Times Tables Rockstars - <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/15462>

Spelling Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login>

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 monitor the progress pupils make within Times Tables Rockstars, on Spelling Shed and within weekly spelling quizzes. 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.