




Homework Spring 1st Half Term

As with last year we have continued to create optional homework tasks that can be completed to achieve certificates but we have simplified it so that there are only 8 tasks; 4 relating to the class topic and 4 relating to the school's Personal Moral Spiritual topic for the half term. They are optional as we are aware that many children take part in a large range of extra-curricular activities after school. Class teachers however, may set English or maths homework that is expected to be completed – if this is the case you will be informed on a class by class basis. Remember, if you only do one thing reading with or too your child is likely to have the most significant impact on their progress in school. Also remember, that the school is subscribed to SUMDOG an online maths support website where children can play fun games to practise key maths strategies and rehearse important facts – including times tables for which we will still be awarding Karate style wrist bands.

Reading. Remember reading is probably the most important homework you can do. Try and read every night even if it is just for 10 minutes. Sometimes it is also nice to have stories read to you (these count in your termly total). My Target is: Termly Total. This half term I have read these books:				
Personal Moral Spiritual Journeys 	My favourite destination. Journeys can take us to some amazing places. Where is the favourite place you have been? Make a pamphlet to advertise it and say why it is so special or if you have lots of photographs from when you went there; make a powerpoint or keynote presentation to share with your class.	Being prepared. Life is full of many surprises and dangers and it is never possible to fully prepare for everything that may happen. However, sometimes we can do our best – imagine you were going to live on a desert island for a month. What are the ten most important things you would need to take with you. Write a list or draw them and explain to your class why you chose what you did.	Making choices. Every time you make a choice in life it has a consequence. Make a fortune teller/chatterbox to show some of the things that might happen. This website shows you how to make them although the things they write are not about life's choices!: http://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/activity-articles/make-a-paper-fortune-teller/news-story/36849fbd4b4cf9dcd4c8b3c9fb51b1d9 If you are feeling really creative, try writing a choosing story that you read to the class and they make decisions – this is challenging as you have to write two different storylines every time they make a decision – we have some books like it at school to give you ideas if you want to have a go.	Travelling together. It is hard to follow life's journey on your own and it is much more fun being able to share experiences with others. When people want to share a journey they often give something to each other so that they can remember each other when they are apart. Make a friendship bracelet for somebody you really value. There are lots of ideas on this website – some easy and some very tricky: https://www.buzzfeed.com/mackenziekrivant/15-summer-camp-style-friendship-bracelets-you-can-make-right?utm_term=.ue7Xo1wqG#.bbADwMnR1
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Our Topic Elementary My Dear Watson	Write your own crime story – don't forget to include Sherlock Holmes! What is the crime, who are the suspects and how can you deduce the facts from the evidence?	Design a front cover for 'The Blue Carbuncle'. Don't forget to make sure Sherlock Holmes' name is on the front and the author, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.	Make a fact file for an element from the periodic table. What would the element be used for? Where might you find it? What is it made up of? https://www.ptable.com/ this website has lots of ideas.	Investigate water. What could you do to see: How much it expands when it freezes? How cold is the water from your cold water tap? Where in the world is the coldest water? What else can you find out ?
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