

KEY STAGE 2 Home Learning Projects

3/4S

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The children in Key Stage Two will be taking part in ‘Creative Homework Projects’ that we would like them to complete over the coming weeks. The project for this half term is “Heroes and Villains”

We look forward to seeing the results and would like all the children to bring their completed projects into school the week beginning Monday 13th February so that they can share and celebrate each other’s talents before the end of term. We would ask that this project reflects six weeks’ worth of work, and demonstrates the children’s own work, although we really appreciate your support in helping them complete their homework. The children should complete at least one piece of work, but may complete more if they would like. If school can help with resourcing the project please let us know.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Stacey and Ms Moore

Miss Mayo-Braiden and Mrs Fannon

Mrs Jones, Mrs Wainman and Mrs Fay

<p><u>Collect stories</u></p> <p>Collect stories from newspaper and magazines about everyday heroes and make a clippings board.</p>	<p><u>Fact file</u></p> <p>Create a fact file about a real life hero (past or present) that you find interesting.</p>	<p><u>Art ideas</u></p> <p>Sketch a portrait of a hero from photographs and make a collage, try to use a range of different materials.</p>
<p><u>Library time</u></p> <p>Take a trip to your local library. Use the contents and index pages to find information on heroes and villains from the past and present. Create a hanging mobile for the classroom to present your information.</p>	<p><u>Top trumps</u></p> <p>Make a set of top trumps cards for heroes and villains from popular fairy tales. Include the name picture and a short description on each card. Don’t forget to include information on strengths, weaknesses, intelligence, fitness and any other fun traits you want.</p>	<p><u>Hero for a day</u></p> <p>Imagine that you have performed a heroic act. Your name and picture have appeared in local and national newspapers. What heroic act did you perform? What happened and who was involved? Remember to include the features of a newspaper in your writing.</p>
<p><u>Recipe time</u></p> <p>Write a recipe for being a hero. What sorts of ingredients do you need? How should they be mixed?</p>	<p><u>Art of a hero</u></p> <p>Draw and sketch a hero of your choice. What are their special powers? Or what did they do to become a hero?</p>	<p><u>Family heroes</u></p> <p>Who in your family is your hero? Why are they so important to you? What is it about them that you admire?</p>

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Mrs Jones, Mrs Stacey, Miss Mayo-Braiden, Mrs
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Maths

To support your child with their maths here are some great ideas:

Children must know ALL their tables by the end of Year 4 so any chance to recite them with your child is great. We have been using songs by Mr DeMaio from YouTube and the children love them. Making learning tables fun for the children really helps them.

The children need to be able to add, subtract, multiply and divide using standard methods and we have worked hard establishing these methods with the children. This term we will be running a maths workshop to help you access the maths curriculum we are teaching in school. Dates to follow, and we hope lots of you will be able to attend and learn how best to support your children in school.

Time telling has been another focus and the children are getting really good but taking every opportunity to tell the time with them will help embed this important skill. Children need to be able to tell the time on an analogue clock as well as a digital clock so please try to use both.

Special sessions!

PE coaching sessions with Sam continue for all KS2 children on Wednesdays. Swimming sessions at the Dolphin Centre will resume for a new group of Year 4 children, if your child hasn't been included in this term's list then they will swim in the summer term. Mme Brooker will be teaching French on a Friday morning with Class 3/4 J for this half term.

As always please ensure PE kits are always in school to enable your child to benefit from these sporting opportunities.

Our topic this half term is Heroes and Villains

A very warm welcome to an exciting new year, and spring term, here in KS2 where our learning will be based around the topic of **Heroes and Villains**. This is a super half term full of exciting opportunities for the children. **Peter Pan and the 101 Dalmations stories are super visual texts that we will be using to support writing with the children. They will also be learning about famous people such as Malala Yousafzai and Florence Nightingale who have influenced modern day lives.**

English

How can you help your child in English?

Here are some great ideas:

- We have a reading challenge over a half term where children are expected to read at least 3 times a week at home.
- Talk to your child about the book you are reading, are they enjoying it? Support them to explain what they are enjoying about the book and try to compare books by the same author to explore the writing style of that author.
- Focus on word types and ask your child to select the noun, verb, adjective, adverb and conjunction in the sentence you have just read. This will reinforce the grammar learning at school.
- Talk to your child about what type of book they are reading. For example, is it a fiction book or a non-fiction book? Explore the contents page and index for non-fiction and characters and paragraphs and chapters for fiction books.

Topic

Our topic will explore famous people in history and involve collaborative research using ICT. We will be learning about the Roman Empire and how it became so large. We will be continuing our learning about the importance of the Bible to Christians today in RE lessons and some of the important lessons in the Bible concerning temptation and forgiveness. Music will feature in this topic where, for example, the children will learn about using notation to record a change in pitch in a piece of music.

Unlocking the learning at home....we are looking forward to receiving some fantastic examples of home learning. To support you with ideas for your child's home learning, there are fabulous examples on display in the main entrance. Any of the children who need resources to complete their home learning just need to ask their class teacher for support with this as; as always we can help out with supporting this. We believe it is very important that every child has the opportunity to engage with learning at home and will support however we can with this.