



### YEAR 2 - 6 HOMEWORK

As you know, this year we have changed our approach to homework. We are now using online programmes - DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish, DoodleSpell and TT Rockstars - rather than paper. We are also asking scholars to do a little bit of work every day at home, instead of one big chunk of homework at the weekend.

We have made these changes because we believe that they will help all scholars to do the very best they can at school. We know that practising at home little but often is better for the brain than doing one long piece of homework. The programmes we have chosen also help each child to focus on areas of the curriculum that they need more practice on, supporting every- body to make even more progress.

Many scholars are doing a fantastic job with their homework, putting in a huge amount of effort. Teachers are already seeing the benefits of this in class and are giving out lots of rewards!

However, teachers have also noticed that not everybody is logging on every day. Teachers will be talking to parents about this during the parent calls over the next few weeks, but in the meantime we would encourage you strongly to talk to your scholar(s) and make sure that they are going online every day to do a few minutes of work on each programme. This will make a big difference to their education!

#### **Below is a reminder of our new homework policy:**

Pupils should aim to spend 5 minutes a day on each programme. This will help them practise key knowledge and skills, and make sure that it sticks in their memory.

By **Tuesday** each week, pupils need to be on their Green Zone on DoodleMaths, DoodleSpell and DoodleEnglish. They get into their Green Zone by earning Doodle stars whenever they get a question right. They should also make sure they have completed the 'extra' task set by their teachers over the weekend.

#### **Green Zone**



#### **Extras**



#### **Monday – Friday**

5 mins a day on each of [DoodleMaths](#), [Doodle English](#), [DoodleSpell](#) and [TTRockstars/Numbots](#). Read every day!



#### **Weekend**

Complete your 'extra' task on [DoodleMaths](#), [DoodleSpell](#) and [DoodleEnglish](#).



#### **Tuesday**

Teachers check that you have completed the 'extra' and are in your Green Zone in all programmes.

#### **Useful links:**

Doodle isn't working: <https://help.doodlehq.com/en/collections/1685048-doodle-for-parents>

Download the Doodle apps: <https://www.doodlemaths.com/available-apps/>

Link a parent account on Doodle: <https://www.doodlemaths.com/doodleconnect/>

**Please let your class teacher know via Class Dojo if you have any questions about homework this year. Happy Doodling!**

## This Weeks' Class' Attendance

### EYFS

**1st: Sharratt—96.71%**  
 2nd: Murphy—96.20%  
 3rd: Bond—93.90%  
 4th: Gray—88.70%  
 5th: McKee—88.50%

### KS 1

**1st: Seuss—97.90%**  
 2nd: Harrison—96.20%  
 3rd: Donaldson & Ahlberg —  
 94.20%  
 4th: Dahl—92.50%  
 5th: Hughes—91.40%  
 6th:

### KS 2

**1st: Darwin—100%**  
 2nd: Somerville—99.10%  
 3rd: Bose & Al-Kashi —97.90%  
 4th: Zephaniah—96.20%  
 5th: Potter—95%  
 6th: Latimer—94%  
 7th: Blackman—92.50%  
 8th: Carroll—91.20%  
 9th: Hubble—90.80%  
 9th: Jemison—90.40%



*Well Done Sharratt, Seuss & Darwin Class!*



### Important: Primary Pupil Photos

Our individual primary pupil photos will be taking place on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 10th November**
- **Wednesday 11th November**
- **Thursday 12th November**

Due to the current situation around COVID unfortunately this year we will not be having sibling photos—we appreciate your understanding.

### Important Reminders

#### Staff Training Days:

- Friday 18th December—No School
- **Children in Need Day**  
 Friday 13th November—Dress up in your Pudsey outfit or wear lots of colourful spots. Please remember your £1 donations, as we are raising funds for all the children in need. Let's see which class will win this year!
- **Last Day of Term**  
 Thursday 17th December

#### Parent Communication

Parents please remember our main way of communicating is through Class dojo. We are using this platform as it is the quickest way for a teacher to be able to stay in contact with all the parents of the 30 children in their class, evaluate any queries and manage them accordingly. Please reserve the requesting of phone calls for serious concerns. If you are having any technical issues with Class dojo, please let the office know. If you are unable to use Class dojo, please send an email to the office who will forward it on to your child's class teacher. Using the above procedure allows our teachers to maintain excellent communication with all those connected to the class whilst continuing to perform the long list of tasks necessary to provide quality learning for all on a daily basis. **Please do not report your child's absence on Class Dojo—you must call the school office to report any absences.**



As some parents already know, Mr. Quillinan is leaving Ark John Keats Academy and today is his last day.

Ms. Laghzali who currently works in Year 1 as a Cover Teacher will move to Year 3 to become Potter Class' teacher and she will be supported by their current Teaching Assistant, Ms. Ucrak.

AJK wishes Mr. Quillinan the best of luck for the future and thank him for his hard work.