

Dear parent/carers,

We are writing to you to outline the homework expectations for year 4/5. Homework is an important aspect of learning and helps to develop and secure the key skills in English and Maths.

English – Reading fluently and spelling accurately

Maths – Quick recall of number facts

In Otter Class, the children will complete the following:

- Daily Reading
- Weekly spellings
- Times Tables



Daily Reading

Your child should read either to themselves or to an adult every day. We would recommend 10 -15 minutes daily.

Although your child may be able to read fluently, it is still important to practise the skill of reading out loud to an adult at least once a week. You can also check that they have understood what they have read by asking questions (we have attached a few examples).

So that we have a record of the books they are reading (either books chosen at school or books from home), the children are expected to write a brief comment in their online Reading Journal in Purple Mash.

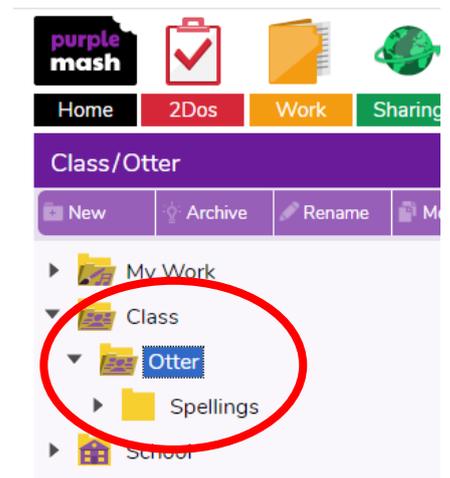
www.purplemash.co.uk

The children have been given their personal login and password for this website. More details about how to access the Reading Journal are in this week's newsletter.

Weekly Spelling

We will be sending home a list of words for your child to practise each day. Again, we recommend 10 – 15 minutes a day. The words often follow a set sound or pattern that follow what we are covering in class.

If your child has misplaced their spelling sheet, a copy will be placed in the 'Work' section in Purple Mash. Then the children click on their class folder.

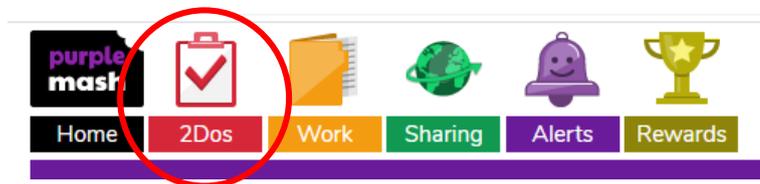


Times tables

Your child should practise their times tables every day. We would recommend a 'little and often' approach of about 10 to 15 minutes.

Using Purple Mash, we will be setting a 2Do task for the children to use to practise their times tables. The 2Do will appear in the red 2Do section.

These 2Dos will be set for the children on a Monday.

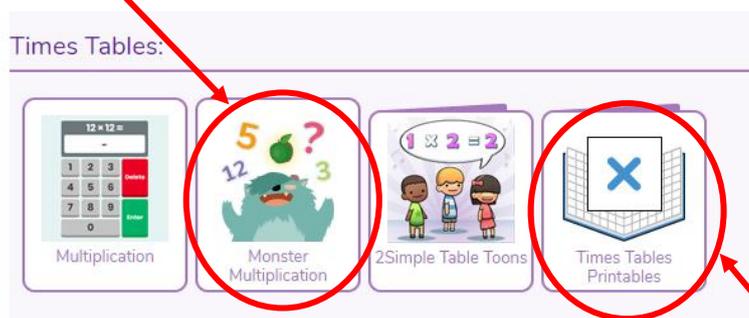


Each week we'll be focusing on a different times table in the following order:

X2, x5, x10, x4, x8, x3, x6, x7, x9, x11, x12

Those children who are confident and would like an additional challenge, they may access the Monster Multiplication game to practise a mixture of all the times tables facts. This is found in mathematics section:

Challenge



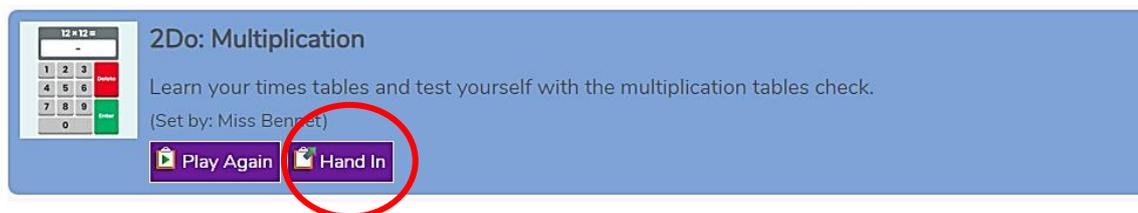
Support

For those who need a little more help there is a huge selection of posters, memory games and pattern grids available to support them.

Handing in homework using Purple Mash

Follow these steps to hand in any set 2Dos:

- 1) Once they have completed the task go back to the 2Do section.
- 2) Locate the 2Do and click on Hand in



Kind regards,

Miss Bennet