

Dear parent/carers,

We are writing to you to outline the homework expectations for year 3/4. 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 Squirrel 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.

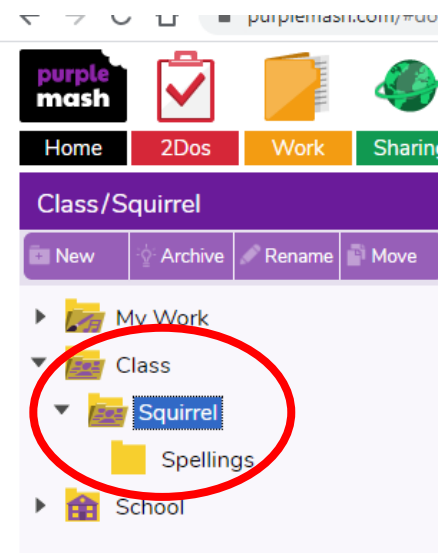
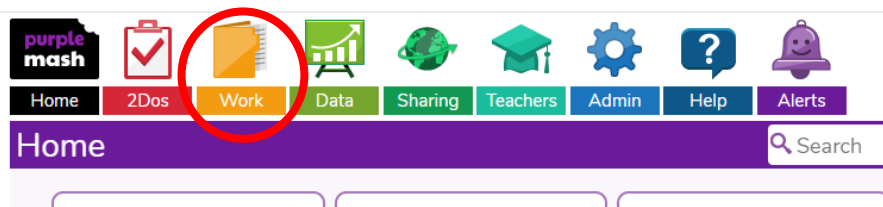
[www.purplemash.co.uk](http://www.purplemash.co.uk)

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.

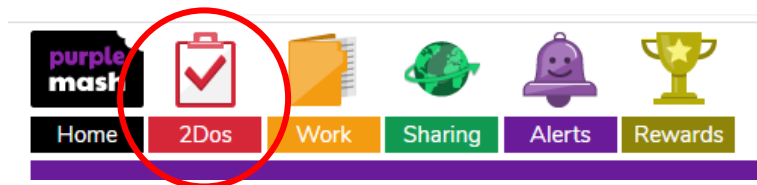


## Times tables

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.

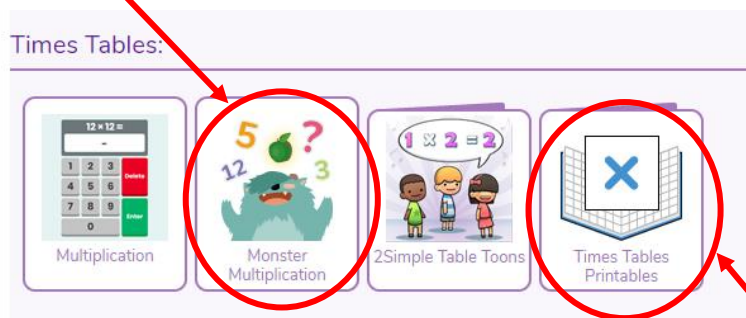


Each week we'll be focusing on a different times table in the following order:

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



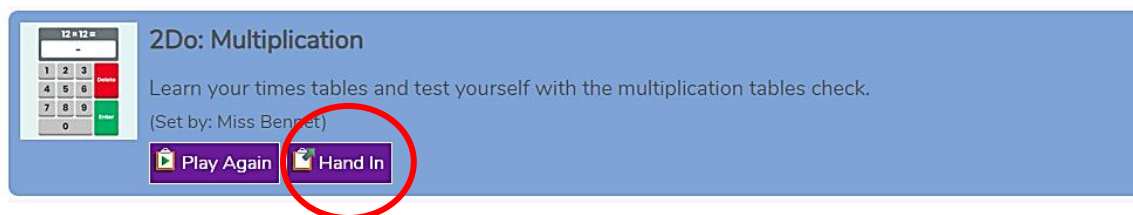
Support

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,

Mrs Aitken