

## KOWHAI SYNDICATE HOMEWORK

In Kowhai Syndicate we believe that homework should not be too excessive. At this age homework is about taking time to practice the different skills and knowledge that enables children to access the curriculum more easily in class. We recognise the importance of getting outside to play after a busy day at school. This is also the age when many children are joining teams or having lessons and following their interests.

In 2023 we would like the children to make good use of Mathletics, read regularly and practice their spelling.

**Spelling notebooks will be filled in each Friday and sent home for learning throughout the week. Returning notebooks on Thursday.**

**Kowhai homework consists of:**

**Reading.** -Your child will bring home independent reading books and/or library books. Depending on their reading age, some children bring home a book almost everyday whilst others are starting to make the transition to 'reading to learn' where they are encouraged to continue their own personal reading. Do please show an interest in what is being read and ask questions to assist your child's understanding. Each Friday the teacher selects a poem to share with the class, they read and learn about different teaching points linking to lessons throughout the week. The poem is glued into their notebooks to read at home. The poem can be read and practised more than once throughout the week for fluency and phrasing.

**Spelling** - Each child will have a number of spelling words to learn each week taken from the essential lists, their own writing or topic words.

**Mathletics:** Your child's teacher will set tasks related to in class learning.

### **Helpful Hints**

- Encourage good work habits early to reach the reading, spelling and mathletics targets.
- Set a time for homework. Do not leave it until too late at night.
- Offer encouragement and help if necessary;
- Try to make time to hear their spelling words, basic maths facts and reading;
- Check what they have done and give praise when work is well done.

All this encourages children to take responsibility for their learning and builds the independence that we foster in Kowhai. If you have any queries or concerns about homework during the year, please do not hesitate to speak directly with your child's teacher.

**The Kowhai Syndicate Team**