



# Uffington Church of England Primary School

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Everyone Matters



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Dear parent/carer,

I wanted to write and explain how homework will be set for Wayland. Every week on a Thursday, your child will be set the following homework:

- At least 10 minutes reading at home every day, to be recorded in the reading journal
- 10 minutes a day on DoodleMaths/ Doodle Times Tables or DoodleEnglish five days a week
- Practise their 5 tricky spellings - the children have selected these spelling based on their own writing and they will test each other in a low stakes assessment to minimise anxiety in class. The key ethos behind our spelling programme is for the children to become word detectives and develop a love of language, looking for repeating patterns in vocabulary. The words on the slips (at the bottom of the spelling sheet in their homework book) are words we are investigating and that we will try to use in our writing (they include the statutory year 5/6 words)
- Occasionally, I will ask the children to bring home a story map to practise model texts, these are used to help children structure different types of writing in an appropriate way and introduces the children to some ambitious new language; practising these texts allows the children to contextualize new vocabulary and writing styles. Please let me know how you feel your child told the "story".

Reading Records and spelling homework books need to be brought into class on Wednesday morning and dojos will be awarded according to effort.

#### A little reminder about Doodle:

Doodle builds confidence and ability in maths and English by creating every child a **personalised** work programme tailored to their strengths and weaknesses, it is not just a repetitive game, but gradually builds up challenges as children gain confidence. The content is linked to the curriculum objectives for primary children and gives them instant feedback. Using Doodle for just 10 minutes a day is proven to help children make three months of progress in just one month!

If you want to find out more, please feel free to watch: [vimeo.com/506143677](https://vimeo.com/506143677) 2.

The apps can be downloaded onto an Apple, Android or Amazon device, free. You can also log in to the Doodle programmes through Doodle's website ([doodlemaths.com](http://doodlemaths.com)) on laptops and desktops by clicking 'log in' and choosing the correct programme.

Following the pandemic, it is essential that children practise core skills every day as this will help them to get ready for their transition to secondary school and help them across the curriculum.

I hope this clarifies the expectations for homework this year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions about any of the contents in this letter.

Kind regards

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