

Royston Weekly



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Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

How is it Friday once again! This week, I got the opportunity to look at reading in our Key Stage Two classes with two other Headteachers from the local authority. It was lovely to see pupils so engaged and enthusiastic about their learning. It was also lovely to see such wonderful behaviours for learning on display. We have also sent out letters for clubs across school and booster sessions in Year 6. If your child is invited to a booster session, it is vital they attend to make progress for their SATS Assessments in May. Our wonderful teachers in school volunteer to do these sessions to support pupils in achieving the best outcomes they can.

Many of you will have noticed the absence of the wonderful Mrs Goodyear on the playground. Mrs Goodyear is not currently in school at the moment. If you have an Early Help open that Mrs Goodyear currently runs, we will be in touch next week to arrange your next meeting with another member of staff in school.

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I would also love to see what our amazing children are doing out of school. If your child has an achievement to share or have been somewhere exciting, please share this with us on Twitter (X).

[Homework](#)

Reading with children, practising times tables, practising spellings, and revising knowledge organisers is vital to children's success in school. We believe supporting children with these skills gives children the best chance of success in school. Please support children with these skills at home to ensure they have time and support to work on these steps to success. Please encourage the use of this and verbally practising multiplication facts with pupils at home too. Having a secure knowledge of multiplication facts and being able to recall these rapidly by the end of Year 4 gives your child a secure basis for Maths in Years 5 and 6. Children in Years 3 and 4 are assessed weekly on sound check on TT Rockstars. The aim is to achieve 25/25 in Year 4. Pupils in Reception and Year 1 need to access Number Bots on a regular basis too.

Frequency	Type	Notes	Check
Daily (10 mins)	Reading	<p>Reading is the most important homework activity that a child can do. There are three types of reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You reading to your child - Your child reading to you - Your child reading independently <p>Over the course of the week, you should be engaging in all three types of learning. Just ten minutes reading a day adds up to over 60 hours of reading a year.</p>	<p>Reading Record</p> <p>Your child should record the page numbers and write one sentence in their reading record.</p> <p>This should be checked and signed by a parent/carer every day.</p>
Daily (10 mins)	Times Tables/Number Bonds	<p>Rapid recall of times tables makes maths learning much easier for children, as all their brain power can focus on problem solving.</p> <p>The government also requires all children to know their times tables by the end of year four. This is checked by an online test.</p>	<p>Times Table Rockstars</p> <p>Your child should use TTRS to practice for a few minutes each day.</p> <p>Teachers will check TTRS accounts.</p>
Weekly (10 mins)	Phonics Spellings	<p>Pupils will learn a new spelling rule each week.</p> <p>They will bring home a list with words that use this rule, and should practice them using look, say (the sounds), cover, write, check.</p>	<p>Weekly Spelling Test</p> <p>Help your child write the sound and spell the whole word.</p> <p>Children will be tested each week.</p>
Weekly (10 mins)	Knowledge Organiser	<p>Each half term, your child will be provided with a knowledge organiser for their wider curriculum</p> <p>This is the essential knowledge that children must know to access the curriculum. We will have regular retrieval and assessment opportunities to deepen the children's understanding of the key understanding.</p>	<p>Retrieval Sessions</p> <p>End of Unit and End of Year Assessments</p>

We kindly ask that mobile phones are not used on school grounds by any adults for safeguarding reasons and should be kept in pockets and bags on school premises.

We appreciate your support with this key safeguarding matter.

If you need to speak to a member of staff in school, please speak to staff at drop off or collection. If you are unable to do so, call backs can be arranged at the school office. Please be aware that teachers will not be able to leave their teaching commitments to speak with parents if you call the school. Staff will only be able to contact you when they are free to do so. I also ask that teachers are not emailed directly. School now has an enquires email roystonstjohn@smat.org.uk that you can use if you need to make an enquiry. This will be checked daily by the school office.

DIARY DATES- Here are some useful dates for your diaries already. We will provide further information about specific events nearer the time. We have lots of exciting activities in store and we will add to the calendar week on week as we book events in. I will share Christmas dates when I have these as we need to liaise with Father Craig and Mr Spencer (who will be playing the church organ for us).

September

Friday 27th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.30-10.30am

Friday 27th September 2:30pm - Phonics workshop for Reception parents and carers

Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October - NSPCC kindness challenge in school

October

Thursday 10th October - Hello Yellow Day for children's mental Health week

Tuesday 15th October - Year 2 Library Visit

Monday 21st October - Individual School photos

Monday 21st October 2:15 pm - Harvest Festival Service in Church (parents and carers welcome)

Thursday 24th October - TT Rockstars Day

Friday 25th October - Last day before half term

November

Monday 11th November - Anti bullying week in school

Monday 11th November - Year 6 to represent school at Remembrance at church and in the community (full uniform)

Tuesday 12th November - Odd socks day as part of anti-bullying week

Wednesday 13th November - Parents Evening 3:30-6pm

Thursday 14th November - Parents Evening 3:30- 5pm

Friday 15th November - Children in Need Day for Reception to Year 5

Friday 15th November - Year 6 Crucial Crew trip

December

Tuesday 10th December - Rocksteady Concert 10am

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Fayre

Friday 20th December - Last Day before Christmas Holidays

Hope you have a wonderful weekend.

R.Steele

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