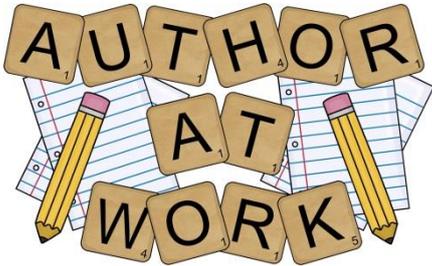


P2 HT Homework Writing Challenge



As part of our school improvement we hope to bring the fun back into writing for the children. We recognise that the development of Literacy skills plays an important role in all learning. We also recognise that this term and the start of next are dark and often cold and miserable therefore, we hope to give the children something they can enjoy and make their own for homework.

How will it work? Every child will be given a 'book' to make their own. They can design the front cover and even add a contents page and blurb should they wish. Each week the children will be expected to write something in their books. They can choose what this will be from the various suggestions on the reverse of this page or, make their own choice. *Length and detail are their own choice and understand at P2 that a picture and a few sentences may suffice.* It is more about **enjoyment** and free choice. Date the work and add it to their books.

Other than sharing reading with you each week, this will be your child's **only** homework. Children are encouraged to continue playing the games/activities in the maths home learning packs if they wish.

The books should be taken in to share with classmates and their teacher the last week of term and then will be handed in on **Friday, 25th January**.

Rewards Every child who completes weekly writing in their books will be presented with a Star Writer pencil. For each stage there will also be a £10 token awarded to the best 'book' (collection of writing.)



Personal targets The focus for target setting this term has concentrated on writing skills therefore, the children should be aware of the areas they are working on and show these through the work in their books. Parents can also access Curriculum for Excellence expectations for each level in Education Scotland <https://education.gov.scot/Documents/literacy-english-eo.pdf>, scroll to the Writing outcomes. General levels are as follows: P1-Early level, P2-4 First level and P5-7 Second level. We feels this gives the children the opportunity to enjoy exploring literacy and demonstrate their learning.

Extras - Feel free to draw illustrations for your book (this is not a requirement.)

IDEAS:

For P2 we have focussed mainly on personal writing as this is what most find easiest. However, children are free to choose to write about anything they wish.

Personal

- Write about your day - what was the best part and how did you feel?
- Write about someone you know - my grandma/dad, my sister/brother, my pet.
- Look outside and describe where you live.
- Write about a time you felt a certain way e.g. scared, angry, excited, worried.
- Write about a time you got lost.
- Your favourite holiday, a trip or outing.
- Your favourite meal.
- Your favourite toy.
- A time you won something .
- Describe your favourite outfit/ piece of clothing.
- Describe your favourite place.
- Write about a special event e.g. a wedding, party

Imaginative

- Draw a monster/alien and describe it, what it eats, where it lives and what it does all day/night.
- If you had magic powers what would you do?
- Imagine you went into space/into a cave/ through a magic door - what would you find?