

In KS1 children are building on what they have learnt through active play in EYFS and applying all those great hands-on skills to develop their learning further. At St George's we ensure we build on this great start and in Year 1 develop their knowledge of phonics in order to read for understanding by the time they enter Year 2 and to extend their writing of fiction and non-fiction. Although children will be tested phonetically in Year 1 and at the end of key stage in Year 2, this does not limit the access children get to hands-on learning or experiences out of the classroom, which will help them learn and progress.

Your child will receive 5 spellings each week to learn linked to their phonics or their topic but also you will find a copy of their year group high frequency words at the back of their homework book for you to be practising throughout the year – so they are ready for the following year. Children will be tested on their spelling once a week through a test but also through regular use to ensure they are being consolidated.

Apart from learning their spellings for the week we hope that you will continue to support us in teaching your child to read, please ensure you write in their reading journal about what they have read, how they have read and what they have understood, at least 3 times a week. Children will receive one Oxford Reading Tree Book and one book of their choice, this will be changed on a weekly basis.

Please find in their book each week one piece of English and one piece of Maths to complete – this may be in the form of a worksheet or a description of an activity.

Homework is given out Wednesday and due in Monday.