

At the beginning of KS2 children are developing all the knowledge and skills that they have acquired in KS1. However, this means that especially in the beginning children revise their prior learning in order to build on it. At St George's we ensure that they still have hands-on experience where possible and that phonics will still be a vital part of their reading and writing, as well as number calculation strategies to extend their mathematical understanding. In this way children feel comfortable to extend their understanding beyond the practical and into the abstract. This will also support them in their preparation for the new times table test at the end of Year 4, the more they practise at home as well, the better their rapid recall will be.

Your child will receive 10 spellings each week to learn linked to their spelling strategies 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.