



Dear Year Five Parents/Carers,

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Year Five have made a fantastic start to the new term. We have written some wonderful poems and we are particularly enjoying our History topic on the Shang Dynasty.

As you may know, home learning makes a valuable contribution to your child's progress. We would like to take this opportunity to share our expectations regarding this.

In Year Five, the below home learning tasks must be completed each week:

- Spelling practice. <https://www.spellingcity.com/> is a useful website where children can enter the words they have been sent home for practice.
- Accelerated Reader practice
- Times table practice of all times tables up to 12 x 12 (including the related division facts, e.g. if you know that $7 \times 5 = 35$, what is $35 \div 5$?). Hit the Button is a great game for this <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

If your child is already confident with both spellings, times tables and the corresponding division facts, you can find some great online maths investigations here: <https://nrich.maths.org/primary>

Spellings and times tables can be practised on the bus, walking to school or even at the dinner table! Rather than spending a long period of time practising these skills once a week, we recommend that you practise them for a shorter period of time regularly throughout the week (e.g. 4-5 times). This is because research shows that these skills are better developed when practiced little and often.

We know that some parents also enjoy taking part in project home learning. We understand that you have busy lives so this aspect of home learning is **optional**. Some possible projects that you could carry out at home, relating to this half term's topic are:

- Build your own kite and write a set of instructions for it.
- Research the Shang Dynasty and create your own non-fiction text about it. This could be completed electronically or on paper.
- Investigate how a kite flies and write a scientific explanation for this.

If you do carry out any of these projects at home, we would love it if you could bring them in to share with the class.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding home learning, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes, The Year Five Team.

