





Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide you with further information regarding the applications that can be used at home to reinforce school learning as part of your child's weekly homework.

	<p>We use the NumBots application across school to support your child's maths education and build factual fluency. NumBots is a platform for boosting addition and subtraction skills and has been produced by the creators of Times Tables Rock Stars.</p> <p>NumBots is an online game playable at play.numbots.com or through the NumBots app. It is aimed at boosting addition and subtraction skills and when played little and often, will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are critical foundations in maths so we are excited by the impact NumBots will have.</p> <p>When playing the game, NumBots has two modes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Story Mode – the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, shapes and question styles. ● Challenge Mode – the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10, doubling numbers or adding & taking away in your head.
	<p>Across school, we use Spelling Shed to support children with their application of spelling.</p> <p>Children will be assigned spelling rules based on their learning within school and they will have the opportunity to consolidate this learning at home through their weekly spelling homework.</p> <p>When accessing Spelling Shed, children will be able to practise their spelling through games that have varying difficulty levels as well as competing against their peers as part of a 'hive' if they wish.</p> <p>See attached parent guide for more details.</p>
	<p>We are introducing the Letter-join handwriting scheme in school and our pupils are able to practise their handwriting at home by logging in to the Letter-join website on iPads and tablets as well as desktop and laptop computers. There you will find the same, easy-to-use handwriting resources as we use at school.</p> <p>See attached parent guide for more details.</p>
	<p>The interactive phonics lessons and activities to teach children the sounds in words and the code (letters) used to represent them can be accessed at home to support your child's Y1 learning.</p> <p>We have included an information sheet 'Floppy Phonics Extra Practice Zone' in your child's homework folder on how you can use the online resource to help your child at</p>

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	home and support their learning in class.
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	A breakdown of your child's in-school phonics learning for the half term will be detailed on the phonics newsletter. These activities can be consolidated at home.
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Children will receive their login details from school this week and will be shown how to access and navigate the activities. The websites can be accessed via the online activities tab on the school website.

I have attached some parental guides to provide further support at home. If you have any questions regarding homework, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

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