

### Homework

Could I please ask for your support with regard to encouraging and supporting children with their homework. There are a number of reasons for this:

- 1 - It is a really good way for your child to share their learning with you and to celebrate their progress eg reading
- 2 - There are some key skills which need to be practiced more regularly than we are able to do in school eg timestables, spellings and reading
- 3 - Due to Covid, understandably we have quite a bit to cover with regard to the curriculum. Not only maths and English but also subjects such as history and geography. One way we can do this is to set certain homework activities such as researching a historical character or finding facts. But then we have children coming to school who have carried out their activities and have a good knowledge, and children who haven't done any homework and therefore have limited knowledge. We are trying to close the knowledge gap but we do need your support.

I am not a big fan of children spending their days in school and then having to go home and do lengthy homework as I believe family time is really important, as is relaxing and having free time (adults and children!).

Teachers have shared the engagement of the children in their class and it ranges from 30% to 75% so thank you to those who are contributing towards your child's homework. Please take time to hear your child read, practice their spellings and timestables. They are such key skills and a little bit of time at home really does make a difference. I know year 2 have been absolute superstars and their weekly spelling scores have really improved. well done year 2!

### Class Dojo

**Parents/carers we ask that you check Dojo regularly eg once a day as this is how changes, notices etc. will be communicated.**

### EYFS Virtual Tour

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to offer parent/carers our usual visits and tours of our academy. We do want to share with you our fantastic EYFS provision and have created a virtual tour which is available to view on our website or on our Facebook page.

Monday 16th November is Odd Socks (or funky tights) Day and you are more than welcome to bring a monetary donation which we will pass to Children in Need.



There will be a bucket on the gate Monday morning.

### Attendance

Can we please remind all parent/carers that if your child is absent from school, you must inform the school office by 9.30am. This can be either by email or via telephone using the pupil absence option. If we have not received any communication by this time, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised. Please do not use Class Dojo to report absences.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### November

16th—Anti Bullying Week  
16th—Odd Sock Day

### December

18th—Last day of term

### January

5th—Back to school

Our school calendar is also available online @  
[www.upwellacademy.co.uk](http://www.upwellacademy.co.uk)

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**  
Are you entitled?



All children in EYF5, Year 1 & Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. However, Free School Meals/Pupil Premium Funding is based on your income and you still may be entitled to this government funding.

Have you been furloughed or had your hours reduced due to Covid-19? You could qualify for vouchers or food parcels during a further lockdown. You can apply online at:

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/Synergy/ParentHome.aspx>

Application forms are also available from the school office.



### **Principals Award (nominated by a child)**

Phoenix—Year 4 for being considerate to others

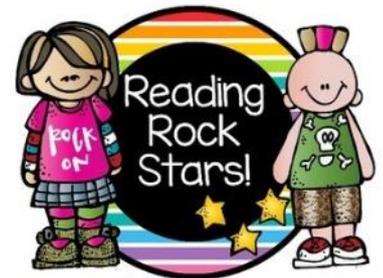
### Star of the Week

Year R: Henry  
Year 1: Isabella  
Year 2: Autumn  
Year 3: Maisie  
Year 4: Olivia H  
Year 5: Nicole  
Year 6: Erin & Isaac



### Reading Rock Star

Year R: Killian  
Year 1: Sofia  
Year 2: Jacob  
Year 3: George  
Year 4: Isabella B  
Year 5: Timur  
Year 6: Brook



### Dojo Points Award

Year R: Sofia  
Year 1: Jessie  
Year 2: Lexus  
Year 3: Poppy  
Year 4: Theo  
Year 5: Jesabel  
Year 6: Evie



### Marvellous Math's Winner

Year R: Frans  
Year 1: Ellie  
Year 2: Freya  
Year 3: Ava & Lacey  
Year 4: Evie  
Year 5: Max  
Year 6: Anthony



**Sport Personality of the Week: Amelia—Year 2**  
For really thinking about how to perfect her moves in dance

