

Swallow Class Homework Expectations

Subject	Expectation	Information
Reading	30mins Daily	Reading your school reading book and then any other text you would like to read or share with an adult at home.
Spelling	10 mins Daily	We are beginning a new spelling scheme. Children will 'have a go' at spellings on a Monday and 'show what they know' on a Friday. Children will learn and spend time practising five spellings each week and these can be practised at home. See the next page for some spelling ideas.
Times Tables	10 mins Daily	Either chanting, writing down or using Times Tables Rock Stars.
Maths	20 minutes daily of Maths Flex	This activity will be assigned to support learning in class. Letters have been sent home with logins and instructions as to how to access the website.
Foundation Subjects: Science, Art, Humanities, RE	Activities will be sent home throughout the year to support children's learning in class.	These activities will take longer to complete. They will practice skills or deepen understanding of what your child is learning in school. Feel free to use your own creativity but a menu has been attached to provide fun suggestions that can be done with an adult or independently. Children's projects can be shared with the class and dojos will be rewarded for the effort made.

Spelling activities for home:

With spelling flashcards:

- Pairs: Create a double set of the words your child is finding tricky. Pick up two cards at a time until they find a pair. Can they verbally spell it out to you?
- Flip, Read, Letters and Write: Your child can learn their spellings in 4 quick steps. Have the child flip over a card, read it, spell out the letters and then write it down.
- Trace, Copy, Recall: Fold a piece of paper into three columns and label them trace, copy and recall. Write the word in the first column and have your child trace it. Next, get them to copy the word in the next column by looking back at the letters. Finally, get them to fold and hide the first two columns and practise writing the word in the final column.
- Pocket Cards: Make small cards to keep in your pocket or bag and when you are walking to school, making breakfast or sitting in the park ask the children to spell the words to you.

With pen, pencil, marker and paper:

- Spelling Word Race: Create two teams with a player from each team taking the 'pen' at a time. Someone calls out the word and the two players race to write the word first.
- Spelling Puzzle: Make a home-made puzzle by writing the words in large on a piece of card. Get your child to cut it up and then can they piece it back together again?
- Stairs: Write the words as if they are stairs, adding one letter each time: S, Sp, Spe, Spel, Spell
- Tic-Tac-Toe: This game is a favourite of the children's and is often best known as Os and Xs. Using the spelling words the child needs to make get three in a row of the words spelt correctly. They can compete with you or a friend.
- Chalk: If you have any chalk (and don't mind getting your paving a bit messy) get the child to write the words on the ground and then the rain will wash it away.
- Water Paint: Use water and a paintbrush to water paint the spelling words. On a hot sunny day the words disappear quickly so they need to paint fast!

With a computer or tablet:

- Type it out: Open up a document to type on. Call out the word for the child to spell. They can then play around with the word; increase the font size, change the colour etc.
- Voice record: Using a recording device have your child spell out the word and get them to listen back.