

Homework Procedures

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Education Endowment Foundation is an independent charity dedicated to improving teaching and learning through better use of evidence. Some of the highlights they have found from the research they have conducted around homework has shown the following benefits:

1. Homework has a positive impact on average (+ 5 months).
2. Homework that is linked to classroom work tends to be more effective.
3. Studies involving digital technology typically have greater impact (+ 6 months).

As a result of this information coupled with the feedback we received from parents and carers in our survey in Autumn Term, we are thrilled to announce we have launched homework this week.

Homework is optional. However, if you choose to encourage or support your child with completing their homework, their effort will be celebrated for completing homework through use of the positive strategies in line with our behaviour policy. The purpose and structure of the homework is to embed key skills and retrieve knowledge and skills children will have been working on at various points throughout their education.

All passwords are in children's reading records and they have accessed the platforms homework is set on this week so they should be familiar with them. If parents and carers would like further support with using these platforms, we will be holding a workshop after school in the coming weeks.

Below is a table outlining homework procedures in each key phase of school:

Homework Procedures

Class	What	When	Notes
Pre-school	Reading	15-20 minutes daily. Books will be changed at various points throughout the week	Books will be taken home for parents to read to their child for enjoyment.
Reception	Reading	15-20 minutes daily. Books are due in every Friday to be changed.	Up to 2 Read Write Inc phonics books closely matched to your child's ability will be sent home with an additional book to be read for pleasure by an adult. (Read Write Inc books will only be sent home when your child is developmentally ready which is usually in Autumn 2.)
	Spelling	A few minutes per day.	Children will have spellings linked to their phonics group set on Spelling Shed to practise using the Spelling Shed app or through a browser. At the end of each half term, children will be given a short list of red words to take home and practise.
	Maths	5 minutes 2-3 times per week.	Your child's class teacher will let you know at some point throughout the year when this app is appropriate for your child and share their login details.
Year 1	Reading	15-20 minutes daily. Books are due in every Friday to be changed.	2 Read Write Inc phonics books closely matched to your child's ability will be sent home with an additional book to be read for pleasure by an adult.
	NumBots	5-10 minutes daily.	Can be done on a range of devices and you child's class teacher will share login details at the start of the year.
	Weekly spelling lists	Spelling rules are taught through Read Write Inc. A few minutes per day or 10 minutes per week.	Children will have spellings linked to their phonics group set on Spelling Shed to practise using the Spelling Shed app or through a browser. At the end of each half term, children will be given a short list of red words to take home and practise.
Year 2	Reading	15-20 minutes daily. Books are due in every Friday to be changed if your child is accessing the Read Write Inc phonics scheme. If accessing the Accelerated Readers scheme, books will be changed when children finish them.	2 Read Write Inc phonics books closely matched to your child's ability will be sent home with an additional book to be read for pleasure by an adult. Once your child becomes a fluent reader, this is typically around the end of the Spring 2, they will access the Accelerated Reader scheme and take 1 book home. There will be a parent/carer meeting about what Accelerated Reader is during the Spring Term. (Accelerated Reader to be launched later this year)
	NumBots/ TT Rockstars	5-10 minutes daily.	Can be done on a range of devices and you child's class teacher will share login details at the start of the year. Children to focus on 'Garage' if playing TT Rockstars.
	Weekly spelling lists	New spelling rules will be taught on Mondays and the new spelling lists will be shared through Spelling Shed.	Spelling lists will be set on Spelling Shed. Children can practise using the Spelling Shed app or through a browser. At the end of each half term, children will be given a short list of commonly misspelled words to take home and practise.
	GPS or Maths (alternate weeks)	These will be set on a Monday through Century Tech.	GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) and Maths will set on alternate weeks and will be linked to what the children have been learning in class. Century Tech can be accessed through a web browser. It has videos to support the area of learning and will automatically mark your child's work.
KS2	Reading	20 minutes daily. Books will be changed when children finish them.	Children will use the Accelerated Reader scheme matched to their book level. (Accelerated Reader to be launched later this year)
	TT Rockstars	10 minutes daily.	Can be done on a range of devices through the TT Rockstars app. Children to focus on 'Garage'.
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	GPS and Maths	These will be set on a Monday through Century Tech.	GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) and Maths will set each week and will be linked to what the children have been learning in class. Century Tech can be accessed through a web browser. It has videos to support the area of learning and will automatically mark your child's work.

Reading records

We are currently using reading records. This is being kept under review to assess their effectiveness as a tool to monitor children's reading at home. Reading records will be checked each week.

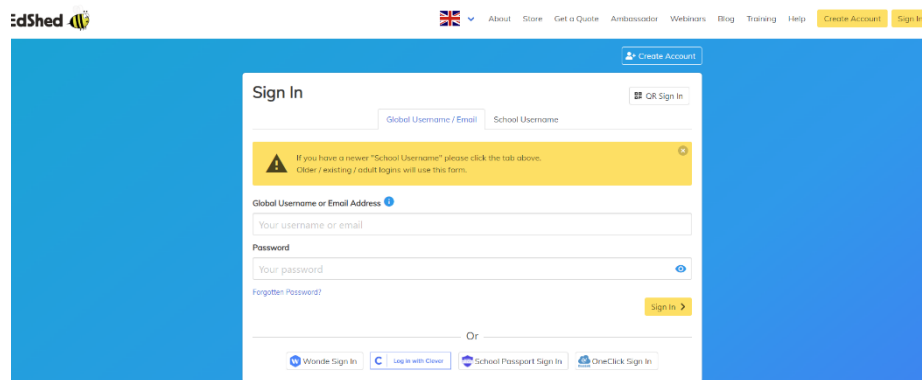
Help guides:

Spelling Shed

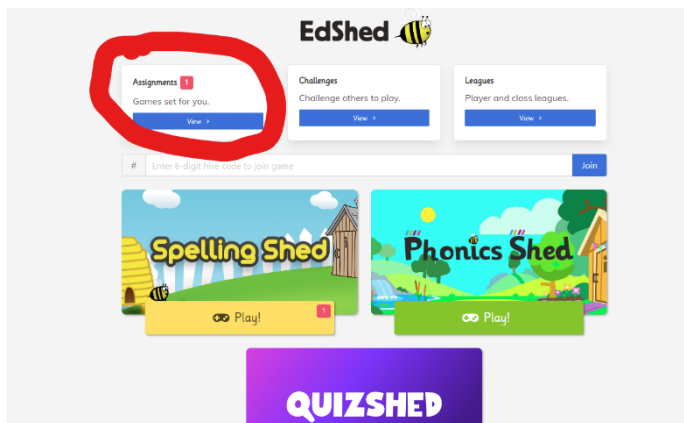
We recommend logging in through a web browser and then creating a shortcut for this on the main screen of your device for ease of access.

To access a list the list of spellings set for homework each week, please do the following:

1. Go to the spelling shed login page and login:



2. When logged in, click on 'Assignments'



3. Click 'Play'

Assignments

[Assignments](#) [Past Assignments](#)

Task	Due ↑	Progress	Status
Tricky Words SPELLING Challenge words	26/01/2024 00:00	1	Larva 200 / 500

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[Play](#)

4. Choose a game to practise and select your difficulty rating:

Spelling Practice

- Spelling Bee**
The original Spelling Shed game!
- Penalty Spell-out**
Score goals and spell words!
- Hungry Horses**
Feed the horses!
- Shed Load**
Load the bee hives on the truck!

Phonics

Spelling Bee
The original Spelling Shed game!
Challenge words

[Start Nive Game](#)

Easy

Medium

Hard

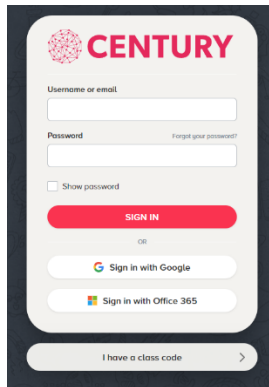
Extreme

Century Tech (For Years 2-4)

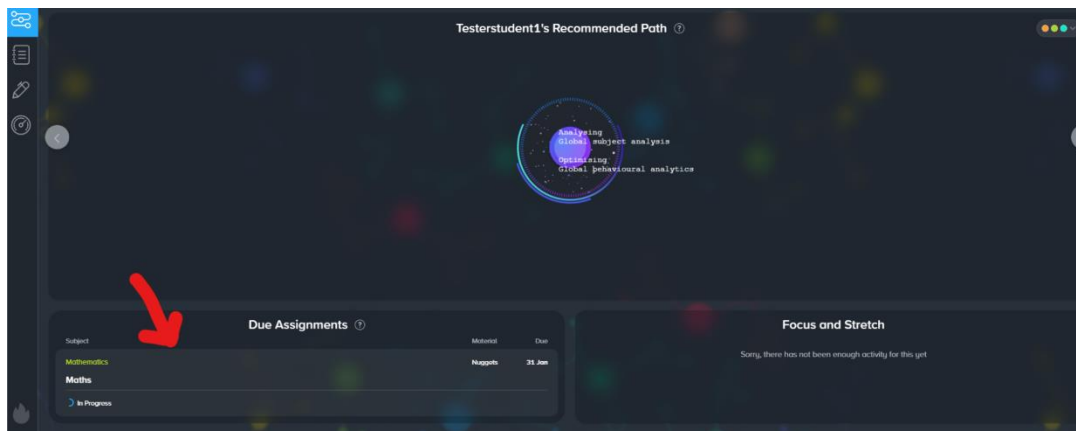
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To access maths and spelling, punctuation and grammar set for homework each week, please do the following:

Go to the Century Tech login page and login:



2. Click on 'Due assignments' and complete the set 'nuggets'. There are videos to support with the knowledge needed to complete the learning. All children will have covered what the homework will be focussed on:



More information about the platforms we use to support learning:

Spelling Shed

[Parent Guide for Spelling Shed](#)

Numbots

[NumBots | Motivational maths practice for schools and families.](#)

TT Rockstars

[Microsoft Word - TTRS Parent Guide v2 \(trockstars.com\)](#)

Century Tech

[Primary schools - CENTURY](#)

Accelerated Reader

[Accelerated Reading Program | Renaissance](#)