

## Homework

**In Key Stage 2, weekly homework consists of:**

**Sumdog:** children are expected to complete 30 minutes a week.

**Reading:** children should be reading 10 minutes every day, Reading Records are checked daily. Children may read independently or to an adult but we do ask that you help them to complete their reading record each day.

**Own Work:** projects are set once a term, letters will come home with details.

 <b>Creativity</b>	Topics		
	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	History: The Stone Age History: Bronze Age to Iron Age Science: Rocks Science: Forces and Magnets	History: Romans Geography: Local Area Science: Animals including Humans Science: Plants	Geography: Weather around the World Science: Light and Shadow Science: Revision of all units

## Accelerated Reader

Once your child has completed their Gold book band, they will begin using Accelerated Reader. AR is a computer programme that teachers used to assess children’s reading practice and comprehension skills. Your child will be guided to choose a book at his/her level at the start of the year, bringing this book home to complete their reading homework before completing a quiz on it at school. AR gives both children and teachers feedback on their understanding of the text and your child will be told which level to select their next book from. Your child will have a choice of books to choose from, encouraging them to choose for enjoyment. Teachers monitor reading comprehension skills through termly assessments using AR as well as ensuring children are using the programme correctly. If your child is reading a book at home that is also on AR, they can complete a bonus quiz on it to help build up their word count only. Word counts are monitored throughout the school with children being awarded millionaire badges, another incentive to read at home!

## Swimming

In Year 3, children will take part in compulsory swimming lessons at Queen Anne’s in the Summer term. We feel this is especially important as we are a school close to the river and want all children to leave Thameside feeling confident in the water. Sports Premium Funding covers the majority of the cost but we ask for a contribution of approximately £15 towards the cost of these lessons which equates to £1.50 a lesson! Since we chose to continue swimming lessons in both Year 3 and 4, we have noticed a huge improvement in children’s confidence and swimming skills in the water.

## Other information...

Now that your child is in Key Stage 2, children will no longer be provided with a fruit snack by the school. Children are welcome to bring in their own snacks, fruit only! Another change is to the school day; break-time is now 10.45-11am and lunch is from 12.30-1.30pm. Children will enter the school via the Elliot’s Way gate at 8.50 and parents can collect them from the gate at 3.20, Mrs Burton will be on hand to take any messages on the gate in the mornings and your child’s class teacher will see them out at the end of the day. Finally, now that children have moved into Key Stage 2, we encourage children to be as independent as possible, taking responsibility for their own belongings.

## If you have any concerns...

Teachers are available after school if you need to have a quick chat. If you would like a meeting, please arrange this through Mrs Evans in the office. If you feel the issue hasn’t been resolved, your next step would be to arrange a meeting with the Green Team Leader, Mr Khalid. Finally, if you still feel the problem hasn’t been resolved, then arrange a meeting with Mrs Burton (Deputy Headteacher) or Mrs Greenaway (Headteacher) . Teachers are always happy to help and should be your first port of call!

## School Website and Twitter

Remember that all information can be found on our school website which is regularly updated. Teachers upload posts to Twitter weekly, so please check this out to see what we have been up to in the classrooms! A ‘like’ and a ‘comment’ goes a long way!

