



Egypt British International School

Key Stage 1 Department

Key Stage 1 Homework & Home Challenges Information



'At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.' Jane D. Hull

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Dear Parents,

This letter will hopefully entail all the information you need to know concerning KS1 home challenges, home reading and other homework.

KS1 Home Challenges

Home Challenges are a new style of homework that gives parents the opportunity to be involved in child's education. Our aim is to give homework that provides opportunities to:

- Consolidate or extend learning in school.
- Practise skills learnt in school across different contexts.
- Develop character skills: teamwork, independence, resilience, understanding and managing feelings, empathy, considering actions.

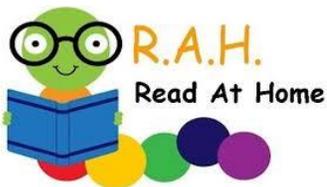
Our 'Home Challenges' provide fun and engaging activities that link to what we are covering in school. It also provides an excellent opportunity to extend learning and practice skills across a wide range of subjects. Some activities require adult support to complete, whilst others can be completed more independently.

Every week, your child will receive a 'Home Challenge' to complete. The challenge will be a fun and engaging activity that relates to the learning your child is undertaking in school. These challenges are empowering learning tasks that will develop important 'life skills'.

The focus for the home challenge is on the quality of work. The home challenges are based on three key principles:

1. Be creative.
2. Show good presentation.
3. Always try your best.

Home Reading



KS1 children will be allocated digital books on 'Reading Planet – Online Library' starting next week (info letter already sent – please check your portal).

Your child will be allocated two to four digital books on a weekly basis. The books will be allocated every Thursday. The number of books we send home will depend on what stage your child is reading. As books move into longer chapter books, we reduce the numbers of books we send per week.



Spelling:



The children will start off by having 20 spelling words to learn within a half term. The quantity may increase every half term. These spelling words will be words relating to the theme that is being taught in the classroom along with some High Frequency Words. The aim is to get the children ready for their 'Big Write', which happens at the end of every half term. This is where the children have to do a 'Big Write', related to the theme that they have completed. We hope that the children will be able to use the correct spelling of the theme words within their writing.

Teachers will be testing the children on the spelling words at the end of every half term, before they do their 'Big Write' at school.

Maths: Practice Sheet/s

The children will receive one or two practice sheets a week, to do at home. The content of the practice sheets relates directly to what has been taught in the classroom during the week.

KS1 Home Learning Timetable

Subject	Sent Home	Due Day	Notes
Home Challenges (Integrated Subjects)	Thursdays	Mondays	This challenge is directly related to the theme your child is working on at school.
Home Reading	Thursdays	Following Wednesday	Books are only changed if the online quizzes have been completed as evidence that the books have been read.
Arabic	Wed or Thurs depending on your child's timetable	Mondays	Depends on your child's timetable
Religion	On the day of your child's religion lesson	The week after	Religion HW is not sent on a weekly basis. Maybe every other week.
MFL French & German	Second AFL lesson of the week.	First AFL lesson of the week.	Depends on your child's timetable

Academic Newsletters: These will be issued at the end of every half term. At the end of Week 15 you will be receiving a comprehensive academic newsletter all about what your child has learned over the past half term. The newsletter will also give you an insight into what your child will be learning during the next half term.



If you have any further questions about home learning and what is expected, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher.

Kind Regards,

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