



Lowick and Holy Island C of E First Schools

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to help us set homework whilst avoiding passing paper between home and school we are setting all spelling homework through the Sumdog website. We will set a challenge each week for each year group with their spelling rule and some common exception words. The first challenge for this week has now been created and is ready to be completed between today and Sunday.

The children will need to play spelling games on Sumdog for at least 30 minutes each week. We are able to see how long the children have played for and what spellings they were able to do and then address any issues in class the following week.

New spelling challenges will be created each Monday and will run until Sunday night. Children are also able to practice their maths skills on Sumdog by switching between maths and spelling on their main page.

We also ask that you still read regularly with your children as this is incredibly valuable for their learning. We are sending reading books home and we have a 'drop box' available for when they come back to school. Returned books will then be quarantined before being put back into the reading scheme boxes or the library to reduce the risk of passing on bugs between home and school and between children.

We are still waiting for all consent letters to come back for us to use the Seesaw app. We intend to use this app as our electronic reading record so the sooner we have consent from you the sooner we can get this up and running. This app will allow us to comment on the reading we have heard in school and you are able to comment back. The comments are private between us and you and not visible to other parents. This app will also be a good way for us to set and check work if we have to close the bubble or there is a wider lockdown, so we would like to start using and practising with it beforehand to troubleshoot any teething troubles.

Thank you to everyone who has returned theirs so far – please let us know if you need another copy.

Kind regards

Rebecca

