



## UKS2 Spring 2026 - Key Skills and Enrichment Homework

<b>Key Skills Homework</b>	
<b>Reading</b>	Read or share a book with an adult <b>daily</b> and write a comment in your reading record. Aim for 15 minutes a day.
<b>Maths</b>	Times table skills are a vital underpinning of the maths curriculum. Please do not forget to <b>regularly practise</b> your tables by using TT-Rockstars. We also set <b>weekly</b> homework on <a href="http://mymaths.co.uk">mymaths.co.uk</a> . Tasks set will reinforce learning that has taken place in class.
<b>Number Facts</b>	You should also continue to practise your multiplication/division facts up to 12; halving and doubling; counting in different steps (including negative numbers) and any calculations involving money. These are key building blocks for your mathematical development and we recommend that these are practised verbally, little and often – the walk or drive to school; shopping trips or ten minutes several evenings a week would be ideal.
<b>Grammar, Punctuation &amp; Spelling (GPS)</b>	Log in <b>weekly</b> to your SpellingShed account to practise the spellings that you have been looking at in class. Grammar and punctuation will be taught within the classroom and may be followed up with some additional practise at home.

### Enrichment Homework

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Be an Astronaut's Chef...</b></p> <p>Astronauts spend long periods of time aboard spacecraft and space stations, and they need to eat healthy and nutritious meals to stay strong. But space food is very different from the meals we eat on Earth! Your task is to create a meal plan for astronauts on a mission to Mars, considering the challenges they face in space. Think about: What kinds of food do astronauts eat in space? (Think about how food is packaged and prepared in zero gravity.) Why can't astronauts just eat normal food like we do on Earth? What challenges do astronauts face when it comes to food in space? What special technologies or methods are used to prepare meals for astronauts? Then, design a breakfast, lunch, and dinner meal for astronauts on a Mars mission. Finally, create a packaging design for your space food.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Be a Space Tourist...</b></p> <p>For many years, astronauts aboard the International Space Station have been observing Earth from above. Can you use Google Earth to create a series of Space Postcards? Use the satellite images to find interesting views of Earth from above. You could even turn this into a game. Challenge your friends to guess what the images might be of. Think of Mt Everest for example. It looks a lot different from above than from the iconic images that we have come to know. Try to find the most interesting images from above the Earth.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Be a Space Gamer...</b></p> <p>Can you use your knowledge that you have learnt about Space to create a Space themed board game? It could be a race to the finish-type game where players have to be able to answer questions to advance. It could be a Trivial Pursuit-type game where players have to be able to answer so many questions to win or you could go down the Monopoly route and think about what interesting landmarks in Space could be included in your square. You might even have your own original idea for a game.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Be an Astronomer</b></p> <p>Humans have used orreries for centuries to show the movements of the planets around the sun. Could you produce your own orrery. There are lots of guides on the internet to help with this and they be made with few resources such as this one: <a href="https://schools.salfordmuseum.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Orrery.pdf">https://schools.salfordmuseum.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Orrery.pdf</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Be a Space Author</b></p> <p>Many fantastic stories have been set in space for example: Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce, Phoenix by SF Said, Space Band by Tom Fletcher, The Jamie Drake Equation by Christopher Edge, The Kid Who Came From Space by Ross Welford and, of course, the legendary Star Wars by George Lucas. Could you write your own space story? Either something could come to Earth from space or something from Earth going into space. Think about creating a whole story with a beginning, a middle and an end. Could you also illustrate your story?.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Be a Space Artist</b></p> <p>Humans have been fascinated by looking into space and observing it for thousands of years. It has inspired many wonderful pieces of art because it inspires awe and wonder. Whether its planets, galaxies, stars, rockets, gas clouds, views of Earth from space, the moon or other celestial bodies, pick something that you can be inspired by and create a beautiful piece of art from it.</p>

Please complete the enrichment homework and bring it into school to share at our open afternoon on:  
**Tuesday 24th February.**

**The children agreed work should be:**

- Well presented, showing care and thought.	- Creative.
- A mixture of things they have learnt at home and things they have learnt at school.	- Their own work, they might need help but they should not let their grown-ups do it for them.

**The Parents' Role in Homework**

DO	DON'T
- Know what your child is learning about.	- Tell them answers but challenge them to find them.
- Hear them read or read to them every day.	- Make it about expense – the cheapest ideas are often the best!
- Ask questions to challenge their thinking: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?	
- Encourage them to complete work to the best of <i>their</i> ability.	