

Morichard Bishop C of E Primary School

Morichard Bishop Pre-School



Home learning 2026-2027

Homework/home learning benefits children by reinforcing classroom learning and fostering key life skills such as time management, practising a skill to succeed, and independent learning. We also, however, recognise the benefits that relaxation at home, play and extra-curricular activities can bring and so our aim is not to over burden families.

Careful consideration has been paid to our home learning expectations, they are not mandatory, but we would encourage all children to participate. If technology is a barrier to your child accessing the home learning please do let your child's class teacher know and we can support with this.

We have outlined the expectations for all year groups below:

Year R	Phonics Bug activities Reading Phonics Bug book 3 times/week	Numbots practice – several times a week – information will follow next term
Year 1	Reading Phonics Bug book 3 times/week Reading Phonics Bug book online 3 times/week	Numbots practice – several times a week
Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	- Reading 5 times/week using our Black Belt reader - Spelling Shed activities – set on a Monday, due the following Monday. For those who can't access this online, your child can request a physical copy to be taken home with them. <i>Spelling Shed can be accessed through an online browser. The app is available at a cost but on a browser, it is free! Type: play edshed to access.</i>	TTRS practice – several times a week. For those who are unable to use this online, a physical worksheet will be given. Year 2 – Numbots practice – several times a week. The Year 2 children will move onto TTRS after they complete the multiplication unit in the Spring term

We would also welcome children sharing with us any additional reading/fact finding/inspiration to complete further work around our history, geography and science topics. There will be an opportunity to share efforts in class. For example, when learning about volcanoes children might like to bring in and share a book from home about volcanoes/a photo of them stood on Mount Etna/some incredible facts they have found out.

Children's log on information for all platforms will be provided to your child.

Blackbelt Reader

Children read a physical book – children will select a book from our school library or classroom library. After reading a section, children enter the page numbers they've read and get a few questions about that section of the book. They do this by scanning the QR code on their personalised bookmark. Children earn daily awards for reading. They then move through the black belt reader levels – starting at white and working towards becoming a black belt reader! Teachers can see progress – they will see who is live reading, who is understanding what they have read and who might need some support.



Spelling Shed

Spelling Shed is a platform that helps children practice spelling through interactive, game-based activities. It allows parents to monitor their child's progress, track frequently misspelled words, set custom word lists, and supplement schoolwork with a full spelling curriculum. The program offers a variety of games, different difficulty levels, and phonics-based lists to support learning and build confidence. The class teacher sets the words to be practised in support of the curriculum being taught in class. We recommend little and often practice.

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Numbots (Year R, Year 1 & Year 2)

NumBots is a comprehensive maths platform to teach your child, with motivation built in! Allow NumBots to take care of your child's learning and you'll see their confidence and ability in maths soar. We suggest most children begin their NumBots adventure between the ages of 5 – 7 years old.

NumBots adopts the best teaching practises to take children from counting on their fingers, to adding and subtracting two digit numbers. The programme compliments what your child is learning in school and focusses on securing any gaps in their knowledge, before moving them onto the next challenge. This self paced journey improves children's confidence and means they are fully prepared to tackle each new topic.



We recommend playing for at least 3 minutes a day, 4 or 5 days a week. NumBots is available to play via our website or mobile app, so your child will be able to learn maths at home or on-the-go, whenever suits your family.

Reception children will receive their log in information in the Spring Term.

Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) (Year 3-6)

An online maths program designed to help children practice and master their multiplication and division facts. It is made by the same people as Numbots. For parents, it's a tool to support their child's learning through short, engaging, and adaptive games that can be played at home on a computer or tablet. The platform aims to build confidence and speed with times tables, which are essential for more advanced math concepts, and parents can use it to reinforce what their child learns in school.

Please be aware this is a platform for practising known times table facts. Children need to have learnt their times table facts by heart. The tried and tested strategies of singing, chanting, playing games, flash cards are all good strategies.

All programs can be downloaded via your app store.