



Year 3 English HOMEWORK Spring First Half Term

English is made up of Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening. Writing consists of spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the handwriting itself.

You will have one main writing task per half term; we want you to give in a quality piece of writing demonstrating the skills you have learnt about descriptive writing.

Some of your parents like you to keep busy on something each week, so there are some links/activities below for you to practise key skills (let us know through the Reading Diary if you try any of these).

You will have weekly spellings and reading homework too (guidance on the back of this sheet).

This Half Term's Writing Task:

Your task is to write a leaflet. Choose **a bird of prey** and research all about it to create an information leaflet on the creature.



Questions to think about:

- Where does the creature live?
- What do they eat?
- What do they look like?
- How do they behave?
- How have they adapted to their environment?
- How do they interact with humans?
- How many are left in the world?

What to aim for:

- *main title and subheadings.*
- *introduction, explaining what the leaflet is about.*
- *paragraphs, explaining each topic.*
- *present tense and third person.*
- *included diagrams, photos or drawings with captions.*
- *an eye-catching leaflet.*
- *technical vocabulary, linked to the topic.*
- *facts, statistics and a quote from an expert.*
- *rhetorical questions.*
- *conjunctions e.g. however, similarly, even though, therefore, when, if, as, because, but.*

The English written task should be handwritten and written on plain paper (they can draw lines on if they want).

Children must follow the Barrow Hedges policy of a joined, cursive script.

It must be at least two sides of A4 and folded like a leaflet.

Children should be planning the piece of writing and doing a draft copy, before their final piece.

If they wish, children may present their piece of writing with pictures.

Writing task to be handed in on Friday 3rd February 2017

Reading and Spelling are weekly tasks

Weekly tasks and websites to support English:

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy/index.htm>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/english/>

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/index.htm>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/>

Use opportunities at home to write for a purpose e.g Writing a diary, thank you letters, invitations, post cards, shopping lists etc.

Can you stretch sentences? (To make them longer you need to add more information).

E.g. The boy went to the park.

The *happy, young* boy went to *play with his friends at the huge, exciting* park.

Or

The *tall, brown haired* boy *was fed up so he* went to the park *to play with his friends on the fantastic, big climbing frame.*

Reading

You will be taking home a blue Reading/Homework diary.

This should be kept in your book bag/school bag every day. You will notice that your teacher will be informing you of your current reading target on a regular basis.

Your teacher may also write a comment or respond to any comments/questions your parents or carers may have written.

Children can log onto Bug Club at home and your child's username and password is stuck in their reading diaries.

Spelling and Handwriting

You now you have been tested on spellings at the start of the term so that we can find out how best to help you improve your spelling. As a result of this, each week you will be learning a set of spellings and **tested the following Friday in school.**

Each weeks spelling words will be will be given to you at the beginning of each term. Spelling folders will go home **every Friday.**

Please keep your orange spelling folder in your school/book bag so that you can practise whilst at home and have the folder in school to be tested on the words.

French homework

When French homework is set by Madame Ghena, it is due in the next lesson (ie in 2 weeks time).

Madame Ghena will collect your folders at the end of the lesson, mark the homework at the end of the day and leave folders with us (your class teachers) ready to be given out Wednesday mornings or Friday mornings so that you can do your "new" homework.

Homework Folder

You will have a homework folder to store your homework sheets at the end of each half term.

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