

# This half term we are sticking with the basics – the focus is on times tables, reading, spelling and handwriting.

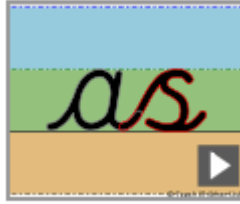
## Homework – Spelling



Practise spelling the words from the Year 3 & 4 word list (on Seesaw) by using the

Sounds & Syllables method – say it in your spelling voice, count the syllables, snip into syllables, write the sound lines and then finally write the sounds.

**Homework – Handwriting**  
 Some of Year 4 need to practise their letter formation and joins.



Watch the animations at <https://teachhandwriting.co.uk/continuos-cursive-joins.html> and copy them. If you would like some bubble handwriting paper, we can give you this.

## Homework – Reading

This half term, we would like you to see you trying to increase how much you can read in 5 minutes – set a timer then note down the word you got to, or count how many pages you read in the first 5 mins, then in the second 5 mins, then in the third. Challenge the other people in your household to do the same! Remember to track the words with your finger as you read- this will help to keep your place when reading at speed.



## Homework – Maths

As practice for our multiplication check, we want you to focus on times tables at home this half term. Go onto TTRS and [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk) and practice your times tables against the clock. Do the other games too to practice those tables you need to work on!

## Homework – Maths

Try <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> To practice those times tables you find tricky – can you play against someone else in your household and beat their score?

## Homework – Maths

Can you invent a board game based on your times tables? It could be a snakes and ladders type game, or a card game – whatever will help you remember those tricky facts. Make sure you focus on the facts you don't know so well!



## Homework – Topic

Can you write the verse and chorus for your own Eurovision song? They are usually on the themes of love, peace, togetherness and looking after the world. You could write the lyrics or the music, or both!



## Homework – Topic

Can you find out which countries have won the Eurovision song contest most often, and which songs/artists they won with? Produce a fact file about the country and their Eurovision history



## Homework – Topic

Research the animals that live in Eastern and Mediterranean Europe. You could choose one country to focus on or produce a map showing which animals live where.



## Home Learning Activities



Research some recipes from an Eastern European country and then cook one! You could try pierogi, beef stroganoff, latkas, borscht... Try using Google to find some interesting recipes. Or you could cook some Mediterranean recipes – Greek, Italian, Croatian, Spanish!

## Home Learning Activities



Painting eggs is an important part of Eastern European folk art – can you research some of the traditional designs and paint your own egg or egg shape? You could even try Ukrainian pysanky eggs which are decorated using a wax-resist method, resulting in unique Easter egg designs that are deeply symbolic and meaningful.

## Citizenship Tasks - Grow your own.



Growing your own food can be so rewarding and good for the environment. Have a go at planting some seeds. You don't have to go out and buy them, take them from the food you eat – tomatoes, peppers are great examples.