

Gravel Hill Homework Guide 2017 - 2018

Reading Karate

Just like the Japanese Art, Reading Karate is about practising a skill and working your way up through a series of coloured belts or in our case, coloured badges to a coloured wrist band. We hope that it will encourage all children to read at home. It's great fun, boosting the child's self- image as a reader and develop their skills and strategies.

How it works

- Children should read for at least 10 minutes a day at KS1 and 15 minutes at KS2. Each read must be recorded in their reading record book.
- Every week, the reading record book will be checked, ruled off and the number of times the child has read recorded.
- If they read 4 times or more in a week they will get a gold star in their reading record book.
- When the child reaches 5 stars (20+ reads), they will be awarded their white certificate and badge. This will be recorded in their recorded book and awarded the following Wednesday at Birthday assembly.
- This then continues through all the colours until they reach the 7th set of stars when they reach the 'Black Belt' and they are a reading Karate master. They then receive a larger laminated certificate signed by Miss Neale, a black badge and a black wrist band. This will be presented in the final assembly of the year.
- Badges are to go on book bags or school bags.
- A display will go into each room – a miniature of each certificate with space to write the child's name under each certificate as they achieve it.

Colour progression

White

Yellow

Orange

Blue

Purple

Brown

Black



Years 1, 2, 3 and 4



Mathletics and **Cracking Comprehension Online**. Both of these are available online and your child will be given login details.

Project work to incorporate writing. These projects will be set in September, over October half term, during the Christmas holiday, February half term, Easter and May half term. Children will be given a minimum of two weeks to complete the project and certificates will be awarded to those who participate.

Mathletics

The Mathletics tasks will be controlled remotely by the class teacher and children will only be able to access activities linked to class teaching before they move to a wider variety of games online. Children will continue to gain their certificates in assembly.

<https://community.mathletics.com/signin/#/student>

Cracking Comprehension

This is a new online homework Gravel Hill although children have been using it over the past year in school. It involves reading a passage, and completing quizzes and activities related to that passage. It suitable for all abilities within the year group as there is audio support for all texts and for quizzes in year 1 and 2. Texts and quizzes will be assigned and tracked by staff weekly.

<https://my.risingstars-uk.com>

Accessing the internet

Both Mathletics and Cracking Comprehension can be access via a computer, tablet or smart phone. However, if you do not have access to the internet then children can access it at a local Library or attend homework club in school. If you have any problems please do not hesitate to talk to the class teacher.

LOGINS WILL BE ISSUED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE INTRODUCTORY SEPTEMBER PROJECT. HOMEWORK WILL BE ISSUED AND RETURNED ON A MONDAY.



	September - February	February - July
Year 5	Maths workbook and Cracking Comprehension	English workbook and Mathletics
	Project work set as years 1 - 4	
Year 6	Maths and English workbooks, Cracking Comprehension and Mathletics, revision packs and projects.	

