




Nelson Primary School
Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success
Weekly Homework Tasks

Key Stage 2 Year 5

11.2.19

Homework books **must be in school on Monday and Thursday**. Homework books must be in school on Monday and it will be returned on Tuesday with the homework that must be completed by the following Monday. Homework books must also be brought into school on Thursday however not all the homework needs to be completed by Thursday.

Reading – Please read aloud to an adult every day and get them to sign off that you have read to them! **Remember to bring your Reading books to school every day and your homework books on Monday and Thursday every week.** Please visit Nelson School Library for your reading books.

Example	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Signature 							
Relation to child Mum							

Maths – Please practise your **Half any number with up to 1 decimal place** ready for your **test on Friday**. This target is about being able to half a number with one decimal place, e.g. half of 10.8 is 5.4, what have I halved to get 3.2? *Log on or download the app www.mathletics.co.uk to complete fractions and decimals activities. Other useful websites are: www.timestables.co.uk and www.resourceshop.co.uk Free App: Math Bingo Bug*

Spelling

- 1) You must **ensure you know the meaning of the word**. -use a dictionary to help you if you are unsure.
- 2) **Write a sentence for some of the words**. You can include more than one word in a sentence as long as it makes sense and shows that you understand the word.
- 3) **Practise and study all of the spelling words ready for the Weekly Spelling Test**. To help you learn, every day you could draw a table like below to help you practise.
- 4) **Use your spelling menu to help you Practise your spellings**. You can pick whatever activities you like to help you learn all the words.

Look Say Cover Write Check

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
sacrifice						
secretary						
shoulder						
signature						
sincere						
sincerely						
soldier						
stomach						
sufficient						
suggest						

Comprehension

Read the text, 'Listen to the Moon' by Michael Morpurgo, and complete the comprehension questions in your homework book.

It was a long while later that Alfie first heard it. Neither had caught a fish, nor even felt a suggestion of a bite. Both were silent, and deep in concentration. Alfie was sitting there, hunched over the line, gazing intently down into the clear blue-green of the sea below, the fronds of weed waving mockingly up at him. That was when he heard something calling. The sound seemed at once strange to him, out of place somehow, not right. Alfie looked up from his fishing. It came from the island, a hundred yards or so away, from somewhere near the shore, a soft cry, a whimpering. A seal pup perhaps. But it was more human

“**Y**OU HEAR THAT, FATHER?” Alfie said.

“Just gulls, Alfie,” Jim replied. And, sure enough, there was a young seagull on the beach, scurrying along after its mother, neck outstretched, mewling, begging to be fed. But Alfie realised soon enough that wasn't at all the sound that he had heard. He knew gulls better than any other bird, but he had never before heard a young gull cry like that. The crying he had heard was different, not like a bird at all, not like a seal pup either. It was true that gulls were known to be good mimics – not as good as crows, but good enough. Alfie was perplexed, and

distracted now entirely from his fishing. The two gulls, mother and fledgling, lifted off the beach and flew away, the young bird still pestering to be fed, leaving the beach deserted behind them, but not silent. There it was again, the same sound.

“Not gulls, Father. Can't be,” he said. “Something else. Listen!”

It came from somewhere beyond the shoreline altogether, from the direction of the old Pest House, or from the great rock in the middle of the island. Alfie was quite sure by now that no gull, however clever a mimic, could possibly cry like that. And then it came to him. A child! A child cries like that! Gulls didn't cough, and Alfie could hear quite clearly now the sound of coughing.

"There's someone there, Father!" he whispered. "On the island."

"I hear it," Jim said. "I hear it all right, but it don't seem hardly possible. Can't see no one there, nothing

Retrieving Information

- 1) Use a dictionary to find the definition of:
 - a) fronds
 - b) intently
 - c) perplexed
- 2) Find and copy a word that shows the noise that Alfie hears is a sad one.
- 3) What is the relationship between Jim and Alfie?
- 4) How do you know that Alfie spends a lot a time out on the coast?
- 5) Have Alfie and Jim just arrived or have they been out for a while? How do you know?
- 6) Why do you think that Alfie whispers to his father at the end of the extract?
- 7) Why do you think the writer has started with the line, "It was a long while later that Alfie first heard it."? What mood does this create?
- 8) Why do you think the author describes the weed as "waving mockingly"?
- 9) Why might Jim think that is not possible for a child to be on the island?

Grammar – complete these questions on the sheet.

Q1. Rewrite the verbs in the boxes to complete the sentences with the correct choice of **tense**.

The visitors left after they _____ their coffee.

↑
to finish

Jo usually _____ up early on Saturday morning and goes swimming before breakfast.

↑
to wake

1 mark

Q2. Label each of the clauses in the sentence below as either **main (M)** or **subordinate (S)**.

When the bell rang, we dashed into the playground and we started a game of football.



1 mark

Q3. Circle the **conjunction** in each sentence.

We like to eat popcorn when we go to the cinema.

Although my sister likes salted popcorn, I prefer sweet popcorn.

My brother doesn't like popcorn at all, so he buys sweets instead

1 mark

Q4. Which two sentences contain a **preposition**?

Tick **two**.

He walked really quickly.

The horse munched his hay happily.

She ran around the games field.

The old man walked past the door.

1 mark

Q5. Insert a pair of **brackets** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The highest mountain in Great Britain is Ben Nevis 1,344 metres in Scotland. 1 mark

Q6. Complete the sentence below with the **simple past tense** of the verbs in the boxes.

I _____ netball last weekend, but I only _____

↑
to play

↑
to know

where the match _____ the day before.

↑
to be

1 mark

Q7. Which one **prefix** can be added to all three words below to make their antonyms? Write the prefix in the box.

secure

active

complete

1 mark

Q8. Circle the two words that are **synonyms** in the passage below.

The café serves delicious snacks and cakes until noon.

After midday, you can also order hot lunches, sandwiches or soup.

1 mark

Q9. Insert two **hyphens** in the correct places in the sentence below.

The children have been busy cooking some healthy sugar free snacks and learning some well known traditional songs for visitors to enjoy.

1 mark

Q10. Rewrite the sentence below in the **active**. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The vital clues were discovered by the detective.

_____ 1 mark