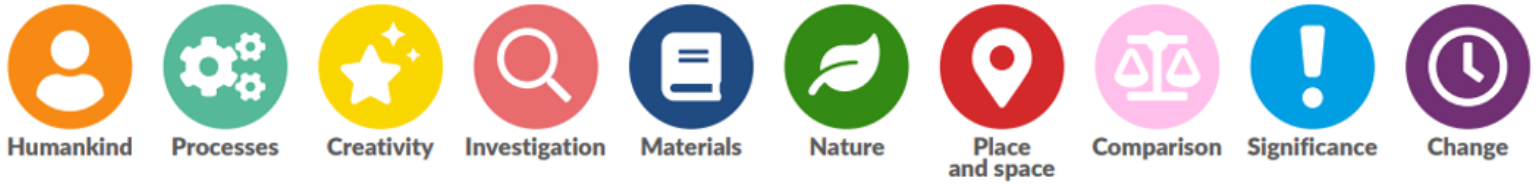




# Our New “Big Ideas” Homework Challenges from Acorns to Oaks



**Are your children ready for an engaging home learning challenge?**

**We are offering something creative and thoughtful that broadens children’s awareness of wider concepts.**



The homework challenges are linked to the **10 Big Ideas**, which are global concepts and themes that thread throughout our curriculum. The 10 Big Ideas are Humankind, Nature, Processes, Significance, Comparison, Place and Space, Investigation, Materials, Creativity and Change. More information about each of these can be found on our website.

For the next three months we will focus on a different “Big Idea”. February will be **Humankind**, March will be **Creativity** and April will be **Nature**.

**At the start of each month the teachers will release a choice of two Big Idea Homework Challenges. These are enjoyable, purposeful tasks that children can do independently or with family members.**

Children should choose one activity to complete each month. Each challenge is designed to last between 30 minutes to an hour. This is to be led by your child, particularly if they are enjoying the activity and want to keep going! The children will be given a special “Big Ideas” homework book which is a place to record the work they have done. Please complete at least one page in the book but feel free to use up to three pages if you would like to! All children’s work will be valued, recognised, celebrated and stamped by their teacher but will not be “marked” in detail. We are really looking forward to seeing the work the children produce. We would like to thank you for your continued support with your child’s education.





# Homework



## Our Expectations at Marston Moreteyne VC

As a school we feel strongly that the most significant thing that you, as parents, can do to support your child's learning is to share books with them on a regular basis. By this we mean reading to your child, listening to your child read and talking about the text. Alongside this we also have additional homework which enhances the curriculum that is carried out in the classrooms.

<p><b>Acorns Classes</b> <b>Reception</b></p>	<p>Reading Practise- 3 x a week Letter formation practice and Jolly Phonics actions <i>Big Idea Challenges- monthly task</i></p>
<p><b>Beech Classes</b> <b>Year One</b></p>	<p>Reading Practise- 3 x a week Spelling Practise <i>Big Idea Challenges- monthly task</i></p>
<p><b>Sycamore Classes</b> <b>Year Two</b></p>	<p>Reading Practise- 3 x a week Spelling Practise <i>Big Idea Challenges- monthly task</i></p>
<p><b>Willow Classes</b> <b>Year Three</b></p>	<p>Reading Practise- 3 x a week Spelling Practise "My Maths"- Activities updated fortnightly <i>Big Idea Challenges- monthly task</i></p> 
<p><b>Oak Classes</b> <b>Year Four</b></p>	<p>Reading Practise- 3 x a week Spelling Practise "My Maths"- Activities updated weekly <i>Big Idea Challenges- monthly task</i></p> 

Children in Year Three and Four are encouraged to use "TT Rock Stars" as much as possible. Work on Education City (Y2, Y3 and Y4) is also available for children to complete should they choose to do additional work.

Children will be given books to take home for practice but we also have The Oxford Owl reading website. This is a fantastic resource and we offer a huge selection of e books for your child to access. It also helps in guiding parents on how they can support their child's reading. Please click on the link below for details.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/>

Your child will also be given a class log in to access digital books at their level.

