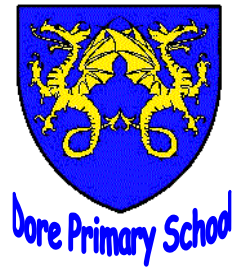


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FirstNews

Did you know that every weekend in term-time **FirstNews Reading homework** is uploaded to the website in Files at the bottom of the **Homework page** under the **Our Learning tab**? There are 2 editions at any one time.

You do not need to buy the newspaper in order for your child to complete the puzzles and the quizzes. **However, the newspaper is a GREAT read and is a marvellous opportunity to interact with your child and help them to become more knowledgeable about the world around them. It is also marvellous reading and writing practice and helps your child to build up vocabulary.**

The FirstNews homework greatly benefits your child both in **building reading power and writing skills.**

In particular, each week there is an exercise which relies on the **skills of analysis that are needed in interpreting text, such as is tested at Y2 and Y6.**

The reading score or level given to your child at Y2 and Y6 as a result of the SATs assessment is about **READING COMPREHENSION** and NOT about the fluency of a child's reading aloud or their enjoyment of a book. Children need to scan the text looking for key words and meanings, interpreting author intent, explaining their understanding of the text and writing answers that show they can read for meaning. There is skill in writing the answers and thoughts down in order to gain the marks needed.

Every week there is an exercise to practise these skills.

Y1,2,3 – Four Stories

NB: You may select the level that works

Y4,5,6 – Look Closer

best for you and your child. Many of our

Y7,8,9 – Article Analysis

older children will manage Article Analysis

THANK YOU FOR CHECKING OUT THIS READING HOMEWORK

WHY NOT ORDER THE NEWSPAPER ONLINE OR BUY IN THE SUPERMARKET OR AT WH SMITHS?