

Magpies and Cuckoos' Homework Trail (Term 1 2020–2021)



Weekly homework tasks

Reading

Read for at least 10 minutes every day. This could be your school reading book or a book from home.

Mathletics and Time Tables

A task will set on Mathletics each week. You can use the games and challenges available on Mathletics as often as you like. The more, the better! Practice the times tables facts that have been sent home.

Spellings

Practice the sounds or spellings that have been sent home.

Have a look at and learn the words from the list from your list and practice regularly.

Off on the trail...



You must complete three squares in a row, passing vertically, horizontally or diagonally through the middle square.

Michael and Kensuke make a range of objects using materials from the island. Can you make a useful item using only natural materials found at / near your home?

Imagine you are a TV journalist and you have gained an exclusive interview with Michael's parents. Prepare at least TEN questions you would like to ask them. Remember your viewers won't know the story.

Write at least one letter as Michael AND at least one letter as Kensuke writing to each other a couple of years after the events of the story.

The front of the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' is based on a painting by the Japanese artist called Katsushika Hokusai. Find out FIVE facts about him AND create your own Hokusai-inspired artwork.

You or a main character have woken up shipwrecked on a desert island. Write three paragraphs to describe what happens next. Think about what you find, how the character feels, what/who is on the island, do they escape at the end?

Plan your own around-the-world adventure by boat. Where would you go? What famous landmarks would you see? Think about the order you visit the countries.

Create a comic strip version of the story. Include speech.

Design and/or make a shelter for Michael to live in on the island. Think about the conditions on the island and how the shelter will keep Michael safe and dry.

Create a fact file on orang-utans. Include their habitat, diet, threats to survival and any other interesting information.



The Extra Mile...

Can you complete any 6 squares on the grid to get your Extra Mile sticker.

Homeward Bound...Record all your homework in your homework book.

You do not need to bring in your homework each week to be checked. We will be holding a Trail End Homework Showcase in class on Tuesday 3rd November when you can share your homework with the class and celebrate your hard work.

