



Inside are the homework expectations for Pōhutukawa and some extra ways that you can support your child with their learning at home.



HELP AT HOME



Reading

Ākonga should read for 20 minutes a day:

- Follow children's interests
- Read Dogo News
- Visit Miramar Library
- Libby App (audio books)
- Sunshine online

We will discuss books that ākonga read at home in our classes.

Reading Beyond the Page

- The "Book Club" Approach: Read the same book as your child. Discussing the plot over dinner makes reading a social, shared experience rather than a chore.
- Audiobooks Count: Listening to stories helps kids understand complex vocabulary and tone. It's perfect for car rides!
- Diverse Genres: Encourage them to read graphic novels, non-fiction, or news articles. Everything counts as reading.
- The "Why" Question: Instead of asking "What happened?" ask "Why do you think the character made that choice?" to build critical thinking.



Writing

Tamariki can use Quizlet via their Google Classroom login to practise their spelling lists at home.

To aid publishing their work in class, ākonga could use TypingClub to improve typing skills.

Writing: Finding Their Voice

- Real-World Tasks: Have your child write the weekly grocery list, thank-you notes, or emails to relatives.
- The "Opinion Piece": If they want a new toy or a later bedtime, ask them to write a "persuasive pitch" listing three solid reasons why they've earned it.
- Journaling & Comics: Provide cool notebooks or blank comic book templates. Low-pressure writing builds "finger stamina" and creativity.
- Vocabulary Games: Use "Word of the Day" magnets on the fridge. Challenge them to use a "fancy" word correctly in a sentence for a small reward.



Maths

Please support your child to have quick recall of all of the multiplication tables.

Prototec is a website where ākonga can practise their basic facts. We will have regular tests in class.

Your child's maths teacher will set Mathematics activities for to complete. Aim for 20 minutes weekly.

Maths in the Wild

- Supermarket Math: Challenge them to find the "unit price" (the cost per 100g) to see which cereal is the better deal.
- Cooking & Fractions: Using measuring cups is the best way to visualise fractions. Ask: "We need 1 ½ cups of flour, but I only have a ½ cup measure. How many do we need?"
- The 10% Rule: Use receipts to help them calculate 10% or 15% tips. It's a fast way to master decimals and percentages.
- Board Games: Games like Monopoly, Settlers of Catan, or even Yahtzee require quick mental addition and strategic planning.