

ALWAYS AIMING HIGHER, TOGETHER

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LEARNING DEPENDS ON ONE'S ABILITY TO BUILD LONG-TERM MEMORY



In order to fully access their daily learning, children need to be fluent in the following areas:

- 🔑 Number bonds ($8+x=10$, $17+x=30$, $14+x=40$, etc.)
- 🔑 Times tables
- 🔑 Spellings of high frequency words

Children's learning importantly depends on **being able to retrieve such facts quickly**. Otherwise, they experience what we call '**cognitive overload**'. This means that, as they spend time trying to work out answers to common facts, **their brain cannot concentrate on new learning**.

This is where your support is crucial.

We need you to practise number bonds, times tables, and the spelling of high frequency words so they become 'second nature'. Children need to practise with you regularly so these facts get into their **long-term memory**, thus leaving enough space in your children's short-term memory for new facts to be learnt.

We notice that those who know their number bonds, times tables, and are confident at spelling high frequency words tend to excel in mathematics and English. Those who don't tend to struggle more, unfortunately.

All you need is on our Home School Prep page (www.lafontaineacademy.org/home-prep).

As a starting point, **quiz your children on their year group's High Frequency Words**. The ones they know, leave aside. The ones they cannot spell, practise with them.

As far as their times tables are concerned, do the same: **quiz them and see which ones they need to work on**.

See below, as a reminder of our expectations. Such expectations are there to ensure your child meets their full potential and develop the knowledge and skills needed for them to thrive through primary and secondary education.



HOME LEARNING (HOMEWORK AND HOME PROJECTS)

Year Group	Expectations
Reception	15-20 minutes reading every night Sight word practice (reading) – list available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf Learning to tie laces and ties (tying ties so they're ready for Year 1) Project work
Year 1	20-30 minutes reading every night High Frequency Words – list available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf Spellings checked on a weekly basis 2, 5, and 10 times tables Project work
Year 2	20-30 minutes reading every night High Frequency Words – list available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf Spellings checked on a weekly basis 2, 5, and 10 times tables – regular access to Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics Project work
Year 3	30 minutes reading every night High Frequency Words – list available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf Spellings checked on a weekly basis 3, 4, and 8 times tables – regular access to Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics Project work
Year 4	30 minutes reading every night High Frequency Words – list available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf Spellings checked on a weekly basis All times tables up to 12 x 12 – regular access to Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics Project work
Year 5	30 minutes reading every night High Frequency Words – list available at www.lafontaineacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/High-Frequency-Words-Complete-List.pdf Spellings checked on a weekly basis All times tables up to 12 x 12 – regular access to Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics Project work

AIMING FOR 97.5% FOR ATTENDANCE AND 100% FOR PUNCTUALITY

We have noticed that a few families have asked for time off to go on holiday early. As you know, this is something we cannot authorise. You need to be aware that we have a duty to report unauthorised absences to Bromley Council and that fines can be issued to families who don't adhere to our school policy in terms of attendance (see here for our policy: www.lafontaineacademy.org/policies). We thank you for your cooperation.

	MARIE CURIE (RECEPTION)	YANNICK NOAH (RECEPTION)	SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR (YEAR 1)	MARIE JOSE PEREC (YEAR 1)	HAROUN TAZIEFF (YEAR 2)	GEORGE SAND (YEAR 2)	JACQUES-YVES COUSTEAU (YEAR 3)	JACQUES DERRIDA (YEAR 3)	LUCIE AUBRAC (YEAR 4)	SIMONE VEIL (YEAR 5)	TOTAL
LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE (%)	94.3	95.5	95	98.6 	95.5	96.6	94.3	98.1 	97.2	98.1 	96.3
ATTENDANCE SINCE SEPTEMBER (%)	96.7	96.3	96.3	96.9	96.6	96.3	97.1	96.8	97.2	93.8	96.4

PE TIMETABLE FOR THIS WEEK

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
PE KITS NEEDED	YEAR 2 – MADAME PARPIA YEAR 4	YEAR 1 – MADAME HARRIS YEAR 2 – MONSIEUR SPEZIALE	YEAR 3 – MONSIEUR HEWITT YEAR 1 – SWIMMING	YEAR 5 YEAR 3 – MADAME HOGG





PARENTS & TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

www.ptalafontaine.org.uk



EASTER EVENT CANCELLATION- EASTER EGG HUNT AND TEA PARTY

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel this year's Easter Egg Hunt due to the predicted bad weather. We will be handing out Easter Eggs to the children in the playground at the end of the school day on Thursday 29th April. If there are any children that do not participate in Easter we can provide an alternative to a chocolate egg. Please contact Carey directly on careylyseight1@hotmail.com before Wednesday 27th April.



PTA / COMMUNITY MEETING OUTCOME

A big thank you to all the parents and carers that contributed in making last Thursday's meeting an energetic and passionate one.

The first part of the meeting was an overview of the PTA achievements, finance summary and planned spending. If you would like a printed report, please send a request via Classlist to Amell Amatino. An online version of the report will also be available on Classlist soon.

The second, and longest, part of the meeting was about the future of La Fontaine Academy. We have launched different projects and you can participate in their making by joining the corresponding discussion group on Classlist:

- Coffee shop <https://parent.classlist.com/#/groups/view/5877805577404416>
- Farm <https://parent.classlist.com/#/groups/view/5743667037863936>
- Field <https://parent.classlist.com/#/groups/view/5957235897270272>

Do you have an idea, or a passion that you would like to share? You can start your own group discussion on Classlist. Just go to Groups <https://parent.classlist.com/#/groups/list> and click on the red button [CREATE GROUP].



PTA CHAIR POSITION OPEN

After 2 years as La Fontaine's PTA Chair, Amell Amatino has decided to step down. If you are interested in becoming the next Chair, or wish to find out more about this role please contact Amell via Classlist or email ml.amatino@gmail.com.

The next election will take place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is currently scheduled for Friday 29th June 2018 (Time to be confirmed), if you are interested please contact us by 11th May 2018.

Role description will be posted on Classlist shortly.





PTA ROOM

We now have a PTA room where we can store our equipment. We will also have a permanent 2nd hand uniform shop. More information will be made available next term.

We thank the school for their support and for providing this space for us. This massive clear out would not have been possible without the super cleaning team.

Merci beaucoup pour votre contribution et efficacité !

Hangers and Shelving systems wanted: If you have some spare children's hangers, bookshelves or any other shelving systems, please donate to the PTA.



FONTAINE LINKEDIN GROUP

Please join the "[La Fontaine Academy professional connections](#)" group on LinkedIn. We would like to increase professional connections between parents and carers, and with the school. This will help us to make use of

any talents or skills in our community for the benefit of the school, and to increase connections between working parents.

DONATIONS

One very important way we can all support the school is by making a financial contribution, of any size. We have a number of opportunities available, many with little effort or time required. For more information – please visit www.ptalafontaine.org.uk/donate.



Using the MyDonate platform, this scheme allows you to make a monthly donation to the PTA via direct debit for an amount of your choice. Be sure to register via the instructions on our website. It takes less than a minute to sign up.



Sign up to Easyfundraising and every time you shop online, the online retailer will give you a cash reward that you can turn into a donation for the PTA.

Corporate Matched Giving Programmes

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Please check with your employer if you are interested.

One-Off Donations

If you would like to do a one-off donation, please do not hesitate to email us at contact@ptalafontaine.org.uk.