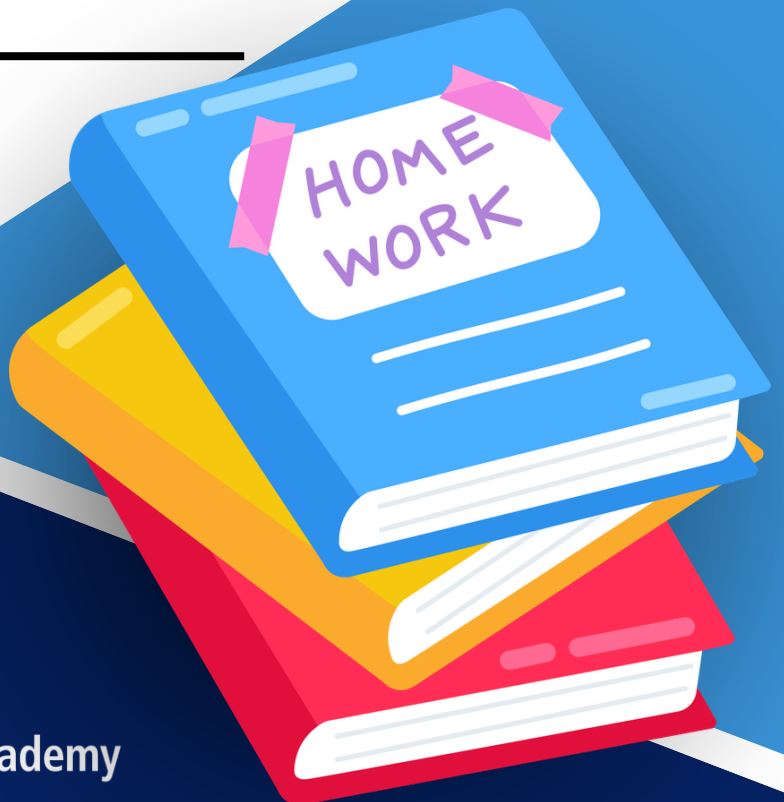


YEAR 8 ICA SCHOLAR HOMEWORK BOOKLET HALF TERM 2

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Homework Guide for Students

This booklet is your space to complete written homework and develop your writing and literacy skills.

Each Wednesday you will hand in a completed Scholar piece of work. There are 12 tasks in total:

- 3 compulsory tasks (everyone must complete these weeks 1 to 3)
- 4 additional tasks chosen from a selection of 8 (this is your chance to show your strengths and interests)

Your homework should be ready every Thursday for form time, when your form tutor will:

- Check your completion and effort
- Share examples of excellent work within the group

You can earn form time rewards based on how consistently you complete your homework. On Thursdays, you also have the opportunity to take your work to the Proud Table to gain even more rewards!

At the back of the booklet, you can track all your homework progress by recording your scores from:

- Scholar homework - Take it to the Proud table on Thursday

Each week, your form tutor will choose a Homework Student of the Week. This student gets 5 Merit points and will go in the half term prize draw.

Students who demonstrate consistently high standards of homework may be rewarded with a special homework trip.



Key message:
Stay organised, complete your work on time, and take pride in what you produce!

Compulsory Homework Section Weeks 1 - 3



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Compulsory Week 1 - History Homework

The Gunpowder Plot

In 1605, a group of Catholics planned to blow up the Houses of Parliament during its opening. They hoped to kill King James I and replace him with a Catholic ruler. The plotters hid barrels of gunpowder underneath Parliament, and Guy Fawkes was given the job of guarding and lighting them. However, the plot was discovered before it could be carried out.

Task: Imagine that you have discovered the Gunpowder Plot before it happens. Write a secret letter to King James I, warning him about the plot. You must explain what the plotters are planning, why they are planning it and what you think the King should do.

Success criteria	Tick once completed
• I have explained what the Gunpowder Plot is .	
• I have explained why the plotters wanted to kill the King .	
• I have included accurate historical facts about the plot.	
• I have used descriptive and persuasive language to convince the King that he is in danger.	
• I have checked my capital letters, spelling and punctuation .	

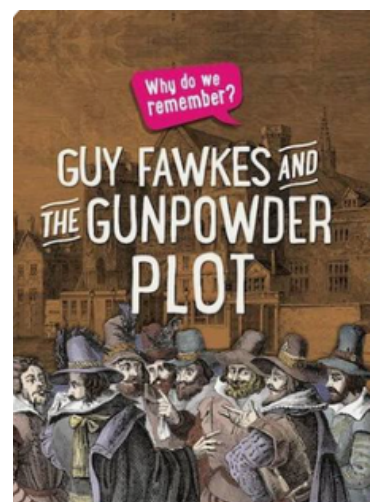
Useful Resources:



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Compulsory Week 2 Geography Homework



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Year 8 Geography Homework: Coasts

The UK coastline is constantly changing. Waves erode the coastline, transport material and deposit sediment, creating a range of distinctive coastal landforms. Understanding these processes helps us explain why our coastline looks the way it does.

Your Task

Write one detailed paragraph answering the question:
How do coastal processes shape the coastline?
In your paragraph, describe how erosion, transportation and deposition change the coastline and refer to some of the landforms they create.

Success Criteria	Tick once completed
Define the coastal processes of erosion, transportation and deposition	
Describe at least two coastal landforms such as a cave, arch, stack and stump	
Explain how coastal processes lead to the formation of these landforms	
Use appropriate geographical vocab such as hydraulic action, abrasion, longshore drift, sediment and deposition	

Compulsory Week 3

English

Imagine you are Richard, alone in his room on the night after Clarence has been murdered.

Write a first-person internal monologue in which Richard reflects on what has happened and considers what he must do next.

Your writing should:

- Begin with Richard alone after Clarence's death.
- Explore Richard's thoughts about his brother and the decision to have him killed.
- Reveal Richard's ambition to become king.
- Write in first person
- Use interesting adjectives, similes and metaphors.



The castle was silent.

I stood beside the window, staring into the darkness. Somewhere beyond the stone walls, the kingdom slept peacefully, unaware of what had happened beneath its feet.

Clarence was dead.

The thought returned again and again, refusing to disappear.

My brother.



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Homework Section

Weeks 4 - 8

You choose one each
week to hand in on
Wednesday



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Spanish Homework

Homework Week 4 - 8 -

1-Match the words with the pictures below:



A. jugar al fútbol

B. practicar el ciclismo

C. ir a la piscina

D. ir de pesca

E. ir de compras

F. ir al cine

G. jugar con el ordenador

H. ver la tele

I. escuchar música

J. leer tebeos

2-Match the beginning with the correct end of each phrase , copy and translate them into English::

ir •

escuchar •

practicar •

jugar •

leer •

ver •

• con el ordenador

• de pesca

• a la piscina

• al cine

• al fútbol

• música

• tebeos

• el ciclismo

• la tele

• de compras

3- complete this paragraph correctly for you:

Me gusta _____ y _____ .

No me gusta _____ y _____ .

Este fin de semana voy a _____ y _____ .

SUPER CHALLENGE:

- 1.Scan this QR code and complete all 4 activities about Shakira:
2. make a poster about your favourite artist (use some of the learning from the Shakira to help you)



Week 4-8

Computing Homework

Task:

Do you think it is ethical for companies to collect and use people's data?

Information:

Many businesses collect information such as names, email addresses, locations, shopping habits, and even browsing history. Companies argue that this data allows them to improve services, personalise advertisements, and create a better customer experience. For example, online retailers can recommend products based on previous purchases, while streaming services suggest programmes viewers may enjoy.

However, critics believe that some organisations collect far more information than is necessary. Privacy campaigners argue that customers are often unaware of how much data is gathered or how it is being used. Lengthy terms and conditions are frequently accepted without being read, meaning consumers may unknowingly give permission for their data to be shared with third parties.

Example:

Do you think it is ethical for companies to collect and use people's data?

I believe it is ethical for companies to collect and use people's data as long as they are honest about what information they collect, why they need it, and how it will be used. Data collection can benefit both businesses and customers by improving services, personalising recommendations, and making online experiences more convenient.

However, problems arise when companies collect excessive amounts of data, share it with third parties without clear permission, or fail to protect it from cybercriminals. People have a right to privacy and should be able to decide what personal information they are comfortable sharing.

Therefore, data collection is only ethical when companies gain informed consent, keep data secure, and use it responsibly. If organisations are transparent and respect customers' privacy, collecting data can be beneficial. If they misuse information or collect it secretly, it becomes unethical.

Conclusion: Companies should be allowed to collect and use data, but only when it is done fairly, legally, and with the customer's knowledge and consent.



Useful Resources:



Careers Links



Success criteria	Tick
Use either Word or PowerPoint	
I can state my opinion clearly (ethical or unethical).	
I can explain why I think this.	
I can give at least one benefit of companies collecting data.	
I can write a conclusion that summarises my viewpoint.	
I can use full sentences, correct punctuation, and paragraph structure.	

Homework Week 4 - 8 - Art

Task 1: Answer the questions below in full sentences.

1. What is the definition of Islamic Art?

2. What shapes, patterns and colours can you identify in Islamic Art?



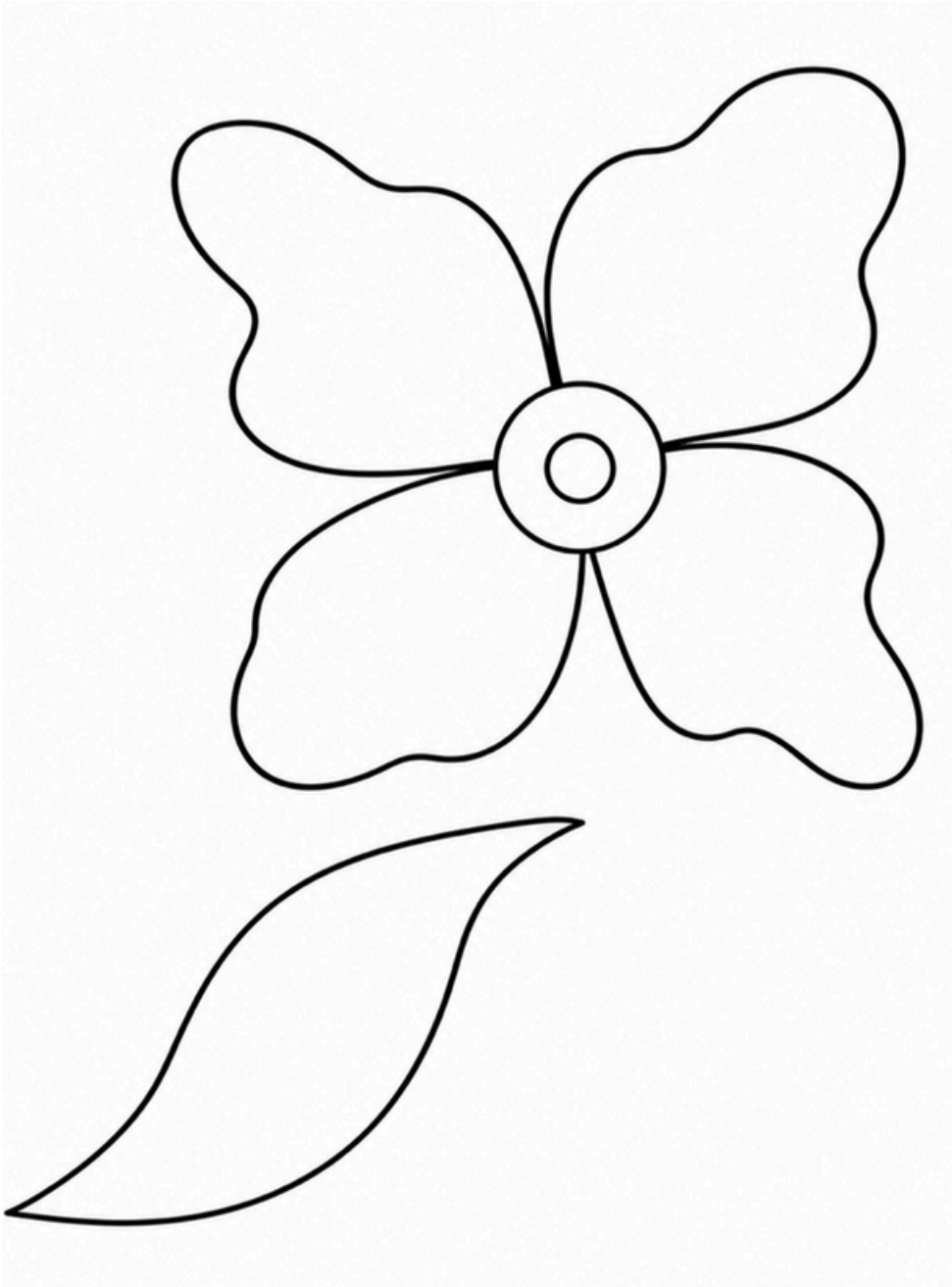
Task 2: EXTEND the Islamic pattern on the next page using pencil or fineliner (if you have one).

Success Criteria:

- I use my Knowledge organiser and links below for inspiration.
- I make good use of the space when drawing.
- My lines are controlled and do not overlap.
- I add more intricate patterns within the bigger areas.
- I produced quality and appropriate designs with detail which reflect the theme.
- I can colour fill sections.

Helpful Website QR code:





Week 4-8

PE - Homework

Are you the next big name in Sports Journalism?



Sports Journalism - Career

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Homework Task:

Following on from Manchester City's 115 breaches of Financial Fair Play (FFP) should they be punished? Write a 250+ word article from your perspective on how they should be treated by the Premier League



Key Vocabulary

Try to include these words in your report:

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Keyword	Definition
Investigation	A careful examination to find out what happened.
Evidence	Information or facts used to prove something.
Allegation	A claim that someone has done something wrong, but it has not yet
Penalty	A punishment given for breaking rules.
Integrity	Being honest and fair, especially in sport.

Success Criteria

- Uses evidence to support your argument.
- Persuasive for the reader .
- Writes at least 250 words.
- Uses full sentences and paragraphs.

Homework Week 4 - 8 - Business



Imagine you have been given £1000 to start a small business.

- What type of company would you start?
- What would you spend the money on? (Equipment etc)
- How would you advertise?
- What do your customers look like?
- Do you have any competitors (rival businesses)? How would you take market share (their customers) from them?
- How many employees would you need?
- How long until you are profitable? (Made more than your £1000 back)

Success Criteria	Tick once completed
• Answered all questions	
• Used correct spelling and grammar.	
• Explained why you have chosen your business.	

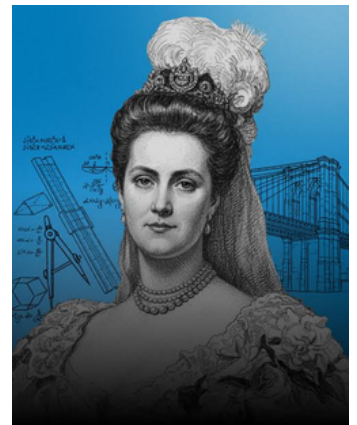
Homework Week 4 - 8 - Technology

Brooklyn Bridge

The Brooklyn Bridge is one of the most famous bridges in the world.

When it was built in the 19th century, it was an impressive engineering achievement.

Your task is to investigate how and why it was built and the engineering challenges involved.



Success Criteria

- Why was the bridge needed?
- What materials were used to build the bridge?
- How does the bridge support its own weight and the weight of vehicles and pedestrians?
- What forces act on the bridge?
- What problems did engineers face when designing the bridge?
- Who was Emily Roebling and what was her role in the construction of the bridge?

Homework Week 4 - 8 - Music

Music KS3 Homework Project: Music Around the World Research

Overview

Music is a universal language, but it sounds different across cultures. In this project, you will research a musical tradition from a country or region of your choice and present your findings in an informative and creative way.

Your Task

Choose one country or culture and research its traditional or popular music. You will create a one-page poster or digital slide summary that explains and explores your chosen music. Your project must include:

- ✓ Examples of typical musical styles or genres.
- ✓ A brief overview of the culture and its music.
- ✓ At least two traditional or popular instruments used.
- ✓ At least one famous musician, group or piece of music.
- ✓ The name of the country or region you are researching.
- ✓ A short section explaining what makes this music unique.



Useful BBC Bitesize Link!

Research Expectations

- Use safe friendly websites or library resources.
- Encyclopaedias or educational music websites.
- Avoid copying and pasting. Put information into your own words.

Presentation

- Easy to read with headings and clear sections.
- Neatly presented on one A4 page or one slide.
- Supported with images of instruments and or musicians.
- Written in full sentences with correct spelling and grammar.

Success Criteria	Tick
I have used my own words.	
I have checked spelling and presentation.	
I have clearly researched a musical culture.	
I have included all required information above.	



Homework Week 4 - 8 - Drama

Bertolt Brecht and Epic Theatre

Overview

Bertolt Brecht was a highly influential theatre practitioner whose innovative approach helped shape the development of modern theatre. Many of his ideas were considered revolutionary at the time and had a lasting impact on theatrical practice. His methods transformed traditional approaches to theatre and continue to influence contemporary theatre today.

Your task

Research Bertolt Brecht and write up your findings below. Include information on when/where he was born, his childhood, his methods and his impact on modern theatre.

Research Expectations

- Use safe friendly websites or library resources
- Encyclopaedia or educational drama or theatre websites
- Avoid copying and pasting. Put the information into your own words.



Presentation

- Easy to read with headings and clear sections
- Neatly presented on one A4 page or one slide.
- Supported with images of Brecht and/or elements of Epic Theatre
- Written in full sentences with correct grammar and spelling.

Success Criteria	Tick
I have used my own words.	
I have checked spelling and punctuation.	
I have clearly researched Bertolt Brecht.	
I have included <u>all of</u> the important information above.	

Homework Week 4 - 8 - PRE

You will study many different religion across your 3 years studying PRE. Pick one of the following religions and write a fact sheet about the key facts about that religion.

- Buddhism
- Judaism
- Christianity
- Islam
- Hinduism

Success Criteria	Tick once complete
I have written at least 10 facts about the religion I have chosen.	
I have wirtten about one festivlal that this religion celebrates.	
I have written about the place of worship for this religion.	
I have written the fac sheet myself and not copied and pasted the information.	

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Homework Week 4-8

Careers

Complete the **Interests Profile** quiz on Unifrog.

If you complete this quiz as **an additional homework**, you will be awarded a **Golden Ticket** from your form tutor. This quiz will take you 10 minutes.

Interests profile

✕ Quiz not taken



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Weekly Scores Tracker (Sparx Maths, Science & Scholar)

Week	Sparx Maths (%)	Sparx Science (%)	Scholar Complete? (Y.N)	All Completed	Notes
Week 1					
Week 2					
Week 3					
Week 4					
Week 5					
Week 6					
Week 7					
Week 8					

Take the Booklet with you to the proud table to get extra rewards!