

Launton CE School Guidelines for Completing Homework

Homework is deemed to be of value because:

- It provides an opportunity for parents/carers to be involved in their children's learning
- It enables children to have daily practise and consolidate important skills
- It provides an opportunity to extend classroom work
- It establishes a pattern of responsible working habits, and provides a preparation for secondary school and lifelong learning habits

Throughout the school there is a clear progression relating to the amount and type of homework set for each year group.

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

Nursery and Reception

Reading: Please share books with your children daily. Practise key words that may be sent home. An appropriate reading book and reading diary will be sent home everyday and needs to be kept in the book bag and returned each day so we can read with your child in school. Parents and carers are welcome to change their child's reading book using the baskets outside the library. Please ensure you are selecting from the correct colour band that has been chosen by the teacher. Please return all the books to the correct basket.

Phonics: Children begin the phonics programme at different stages and an appropriate activity will be sent home for your child to provide extra practice. Please speak to the teacher if you have any questions.

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Top tip: talking to your child about the book and the story is as valuable as reading the book, so please use the reading time at home for this.

Homework grids are sent home termly. Children can choose 1 activity from each area/row each week. Please return homework folders each Thursday.

KEY STAGE 1

Reading: Please share books with your children daily. Practise key words that may be sent home. An appropriate reading book and reading diary will be sent home everyday and needs to be kept in the book bag and returned each day so we can read with your child in school. Parents and carers are welcome to change their child's reading book using the baskets outside the library. Please ensure you are selecting from the correct colour band that has been chosen by the teacher. Please return all the books to the correct basket. The expectation is that reading takes place at home for 15 minutes daily. Reading books will also be changed in class once a week.

Spelling: Weekly spellings are sent home every Friday and children will be tested on Thursdays. Please support your child with learning their spellings.

Mathematics:

On the Homework grid the children have specific activities, which need to be completed weekly. Please note that daily practice of number bonds and tables are fundamental to your child making good progress in mathematics. Children will also get some personalised tasks to provide additional practice when required.

KEY STAGE 2

Reading: Children are expected to read at home on a daily basis.

Spelling: New spellings are given out on Fridays and children are tested on these on Thursdays. Top tip: Spellings are more likely to be retained with regular daily practice (5-10 minutes) rather than a long practice session on one day.

Mathematics:

A mathematics homework sheet will be given out each Friday. In addition we would like children to do some daily practice of number bonds and times tables.

Other subjects: A new homework grid is given out each term with suggestions for activities that will complement and enhance the topic learning that we will be doing in school.

GENERAL POINTS

- Homework should become part of your daily routine, but needs to be enjoyable and helpful to consolidate learning that has already taken place in class. As a guide we would recommend the following:

KS1 – 20 -25 minutes

KS2 - 30 minutes

We know that this will vary depending on your child and on the homework activity. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about homework and how to help your child at home. We know that sometimes it is tricky to help children at home and will be able to offer advice and support with any difficulties you may have.

- Homework should be completed to the best of each child's ability. Written work should be in pencil and dated, with titles underlined. Most of the children in Years 1 and above should know the standards expected, so should be encouraged to maintain these.

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