



Guide to Homework at Leaffield C.E. Primary School

Why do we set homework?

Homework is an opportunity for children to consolidate their learning in school. At Leaffield we view homework as an important aspect of the way our school works in partnership with parents to support children's learning. It is our aim that the homework regularly connects parents with the knowledge and skills that the children are acquiring and that it provides parents with a regular insight to how their child is progressing. We aim for homework to promote independence in learning, especially for children in Key Stage 2.

What is set and why?

At Leaffield C.E. Primary School homework is set in every class, every week. The approach to homework may vary in each class to reflect the age and stage of learning. For example, children in Reception may be expected to participate in a speaking and listening activity. A different example is how Year 5 and Year 6 homework is set more frequently, as part the preparation for children transitioning to secondary school. Children with Special Educational Needs may be set different homework tasks that are appropriate for their set of needs.

Practicalities

Children are issued with a Homework Book at the start of the year. The class teacher will always explain the purpose of the homework in this book and be clear about when the homework should be handed in. We ask parents to encourage children to complete homework to the best of their ability and to hand it in on time. If a child is struggling with understanding homework, parents can contact the class teacher on the class email. We understand that occasionally family commitments may prevent the satisfactory completion of homework. In this situation, please speak to the child's class teacher. In Key Stage 2, where a child has not completed homework and a genuine reason has not been provided, he/she may be asked to complete the homework at lunch time.

Below we set out in more detail, homework expectations for your child.

Most importantly: Daily Reading

Daily reading is an essential part of every child's learning, not only will it develop their language, thus improving their writing, but also it supports children's knowledge and development of punctuation. 15-20 minutes a day is sufficient.

Murphy Class (Reception)

Homework is sent home every Thursday to be returned by the following Wednesday. There is always information in the child's homework book providing an overview of the learning undertaken during the week for parents to discuss learning together with their child at home. There will often be



prompts and questions to consolidate learning. There may be an activity for children to take part in. How children choose to complete this activity is up to them; it might be that children wish to chat about their ideas, draw, paint, write, take a photo, or maybe even build or create something! At this stage parents are encouraged to see early years home activities as a creative exercise and best of all, as something that parents and children can share together.

Donaldson Class (Year 1 and Year 2)

Children will be sent two pieces of homework each week. Homework will include a Maths task and an English task focusing on vocabulary, grammar, or punctuation. Children will also have a list of five spellings each week which they must practice in preparation for a spelling test the following Wednesday.

Rosen Class

Homework is sent home every Thursday to be returned by the following Wednesday. In this class, the teacher sets three small pieces of homework a week for the children to practise key skills in Reading, Maths and Writing.

Children will receive a range of Maths, Reading (comprehension) and grammar tasks to complete, all building on the learning taking place in the classroom. Additionally, children will also have twelve spellings every week to learn. The spellings go out on a Tuesday and children are tested the following Tuesday. Children will be practising their times table during the week, and there will be homework activities related to this in readiness for the Multiplication Times tables check.

Blackman Class

Homework is sent out daily from Monday to Thursday. In this upper part of Key Stage 2, children need help to get into good habits, packing their bags and checking they have everything they need for the following school day including their homework.

Children will receive a range of Maths, Reading (comprehension) and grammar tasks to complete, all building on the learning taking place in the classroom. Additionally, children will also have between 8-12 spellings every week to learn. The spellings go out on a Monday and children are tested the following Monday.

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