

Guide to Home Learning at Leaffield C.E. Primary School

Why do we set home learning?

Home learning is an opportunity for children to consolidate their learning in school. At Leaffield we view home learning 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 home learning 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 home learning to promote independence in learning, especially for children in Key Stage 2.

What is set and why?

At Leaffield C.E. Primary School home learning is set in every class, every week. The approach to home learning 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 home learning is set more frequently, as part the preparation for children transitioning to secondary school. Children with Special Educational Needs may be set different home learning tasks that are appropriate for their set of needs.

Practicalities

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

Below we set out in more detail, home learning 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)

Home learning is sent home every Friday to be returned (if completed) by the following Wednesday. There is always information in the child's home learning 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. It is optional.

Donaldson Class (Year 1 and Year 2)

Children will be sent one piece of home learning each week. Home learning will include a Maths task and an English or topic task. Regular reading is also expected.

Rosen Class

Home learning is sent home every Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. In this class, the teacher sets two pieces of home learning a week for the children to practice key skills in Reading, Maths and Writing.

Children will receive a variety of Maths, Reading (comprehension) and grammar tasks to complete, all building on the learning taking place in the classroom. Children will be practising their times table during the week on Time Tables Rock Stars and there will be home learning activities related to this in readiness for the Multiplication Times tables check.

Blackman Class

Home learning 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 home learning.

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