



LEECHPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL - HOMEWORK POLICY

At Leechpool Primary School, we believe that education is a co-operative partnership between the school, the child and the home. We know that homework can make an important contribution to pupils' progress at school, especially when families are actively involved. In formulating our Homework Policy, we have listened to the views of parents and have noted the recommendations of the DfE. Above all, we have carefully considered what is reasonable for the children in our school. Children should be encouraged to see homework as a positive experience and never an unpleasant one.

Why do homework?

Homework is an important tool in consolidating learning and enhancing the curriculum for children. Regular, well-planned homework should:

- Help children develop good work habits and self-discipline
- Help develop a positive approach towards books and reading
- Provide opportunities for individualised learning
- Help parents to gain insight into their child's schoolwork
- Encourage use of external resources not found in school (e.g. public libraries, museums etc)
- Assist preparation for future class work

When teachers set homework, they will ensure that:

- Expectations are explained in the home school books where there is guidance about homework for the coming year
- The task is made clear to children and, as far as possible, is matched to their abilities
- Time scales for completion are made clear
- Receipt of homework is acknowledged and regular completion of homework to a high standard is recognised and celebrated
- Homework tasks are marked when appropriate, formally or informally
- Parents are kept informed if homework has not been completed
- Parents are given an opportunity to add any comments they feel are appropriate regarding their child's homework, in the homework diary or book, Seesaw or our online learning platform.

Parents are asked to help in the following ways:

- Organise a quiet time and place
- Make sure that homework is begun well before bedtime
- Help with any basic queries and errors
- Make a brief note of any difficulties, upsets or unusual circumstances, in the homework diary or book
- If the child is upset, stop the session for that evening
- Enjoy a reading session with their child every day
- Children should not spend too long on homework on any one night



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Recommended time for homework:

See attached grid. (Appendix 1)

Daily Reading/Times Tables

The homework time in the grid excludes daily reading and times tables. It is an expectation that all pupils read at least 4 times a week and practise their times tables for 5 minutes daily. The reading can be reading individually, to an adult, to a sibling, discussing illustrations, characters, plot and themes. This is recommended right through the school up to and including Year 6.

Spellings

Spellings are included in the homework grid. The pupils are expected to learn the first 100 high frequency words, the next 200 high frequency words and the year 3/4 and year 5/6 statutory spellings.

Occasional homework

Project work may be set, linking with cross-curricular themes and including learning through activities such as construction and making; researching; collecting and sketching.

Implementation

The school will ensure that homework is an integral part of the curriculum and is planned and prepared alongside other programmes of learning.

Online platforms

We use e-Schools, Seesaw and Google Classrooms as online platforms. Seesaw is used across the school to evidence work / set homework. E-Schools is used as a safe platform in all year groups for children to use email / messaging facilities to other pupils within school and to showcase learning. Google Classroom is used in class and for homework where appropriate (KS2). In the infants it is introduced in the summer term of Year 2 so that the children are familiar with it when they move to Year 3.

Evaluation

The Homework Policy will be promoted throughout the school and its implementation and effectiveness will be reviewed annually. This is to ensure that teachers, pupils and parents are completely clear about what is expected in terms of homework and how it should be organised and managed.

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Appendix 1 - Whole School Overview of Homework - Sep 2020 onwards (during non-COVID)

Year Group:	FS	1	2	3	4	5	6
Homework tasks may be differentiated to pupil needs and a reflection of their groups in school. It is an expectation that all pupils will read daily at home and will also practice their rapid recall of maths facts (5/10mins daily)							
What homework do you set?	Reading Key words Number recognition Counting Phonics Challenges on the EYFS newsletter.	Maths, writing and Topic alternate weeks. Spellings weekly Talk homework in preparation for Hot Tasks Topic homework grid in Summer Term	Maths, writing and Topic alternate weeks. Spellings weekly Talk homework in preparation for Hot Tasks. Topic homework grid in Summer Term	Maths and writing alternate weeks Spellings weekly Occasional other subject homework e.g. MFL Talk homework in preparation for Hot Tasks	Maths and writing alternate weeks Spellings weekly Occasional other subject homework e.g. MFL Talk homework in preparation for Hot Tasks	Maths weekly Writing/Topic weekly Spellings weekly	Maths weekly Writing/Topic weekly Spellings weekly
What days is homework set?	Reading books changed daily when read. Key words – when ready for the next set.	Reading daily Spellings Friday Maths/Writing/Topic every Friday	Reading daily Spellings Friday Maths/Writing/Topic every Friday	Reading daily Spellings Wednesday Maths/Literacy every Friday	Reading daily Spellings Wednesday Maths/Literacy every Friday	Maths Friday Writing /topic Friday Spellings Wednesday	Maths Friday Writing /topic Friday Spellings Wednesday
What days is it taken in?	Reading diaries checked daily	Reading diaries given in daily Homework in by Wednesday Spelling test on Friday	Reading diaries given in daily Homework in by Wednesday Spelling test on Friday	Spelling test on a Monday Maths/Literacy on a Wednesday Reading diaries checked when children read with class teacher during weekly guided reading	Spellings on Monday Reading dairies checked on Tuesday and Wednesday The rest on Wednesdays expect Topic which is due in last Monday of half term	Spelling test on a Monday Maths and Literacy/Topic on a Wednesday Reading diaries checked when children read with class teacher	Spelling test on Monday Maths and Literacy/Topic on a Wednesday. Reading diaries checked when children read with class teacher
How do the children record what they have to do?	Weekly newsletter	Homework book Spellings book Parents/children writing in reading diaries Seesaw	Homework book Spellings book Parents/children writing in reading diaries Seesaw	Spellings given out and stuck in spelling books Task is uploaded to Seesaw and eSchools for Literacy/Maths and Topic.	Spellings given out and stuck in spelling books. Task is uploaded to Seesaw and eSchools for Literacy/Maths and Topic.	Spellings copied from the board into homework diaries Task is printed out and stuck into homework books for topic/literacy and maths. Unless it's a 'mymaths' task.	Spellings copied from the board into homework diaries Task is printed out and stuck into homework books for topic/literacy and maths. Unless it's a 'mymaths' task.
Approximately how long are children expected to work on it?	5/10 minutes daily	Reading 10 mins Spellings 5 mins Maths 20 mins weekly Writing 20 mins weekly (Summer Term homework optional)	Reading 10 mins Spellings 5 mins Maths 20 mins weekly Writing 20 mins weekly (Summer Term homework optional)	Reading 10 mins Spellings 15-30mins weekly Maths/Literacy 30 mins	Reading 10 mins Children should spend an hour a week across all spellings and homework tasks.	Reading 10 mins Each piece of hwk should take 45mins although we invite them to take longer if they wish.	Reading 10 mins Each piece of hwk should take 45mins although we invite them to take longer if they wish.
Where do the children complete the work?	Reading recorded in reading diaries. Seesaw	Homework books, Spellings at home (can write in spellings book if they want) Reading recorded in reading record.	Homework books, spellings at home (can write in spellings book if they want) Reading recorded in reading record book.	Spellings in spellings book. Maths/Literacy in homework book. Topic work in homework book or handed in as practical example where appropriate. Reading recorded in reading record.	Homework book, spellings book or handed in as practical example where appropriate. Reading recorded in reading record.	Homework book or handed in as practical example where appropriate Reading recorded in reading diary.	Homework book or handed in as practical example where appropriate Reading recorded in reading diary.

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Appendix 2 - Whole School Overview of Homework - Sep 2020 onwards (during COVID)

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<p>What homework do you set?</p>	<p>Reading – books / bug clubs Key words Number recognition Counting Phonics Challenges on the EYFS newsletter</p>	<p>Maths, writing and topic alternate weeks Spellings weekly Talk homework in preparation for Hot Tasks. Topic homework grid in Summer Term</p>	<p>Maths, writing and topic alternate weeks Spellings weekly Talk homework in preparation for Hot Tasks. Topic homework grid in Summer Term</p>	<p>Maths and writing alternate weeks Spellings weekly Occasional other subject homework like MFL Talk homework in preparation for Hot Tasks</p>	<p>Maths and writing alternate weeks Spellings weekly Occasional other subject homework like MFL Talk homework in preparation for Hot Tasks</p>	<p>Maths weekly Writing/Topic weekly Spellings weekly</p>	<p>Maths weekly Writing/Topic weekly Spellings weekly</p>
<p>What days is homework set?</p>	<p>Reading books home on Thursday Key words – when ready for the next set</p>	<p>Reading packs Thursday to Monday Reading daily Spellings Friday Maths/Writing/Topic every Friday</p>	<p>Reading packs Thursday to Monday Reading daily Spellings Friday Maths/Writing/Topic every Friday</p>	<p>Reading daily Spellings Wednesday Maths/Literacy every Friday</p>	<p>Reading daily Spellings Wednesday Maths/Literacy every Friday</p>	<p>Maths Friday Writing /topic Friday Spellings Wednesday</p>	<p>Maths Friday Writing /topic Friday Spellings Wednesday</p>
<p>What days is it taken in?</p>	<p>Reading books returned Monday</p>	<p>Homework in by Wednesday Spelling test on Friday</p>	<p>Homework in by Wednesday Spelling test on Friday</p>	<p>Spelling test on a Monday Maths/Literacy on a Wednesday Reading recorded once a week onto Seesaw. Topic which is due in last Monday of half term</p>	<p>Spellings on Monday Reading recorded once a week onto Seesaw. Maths/Literacy on a Wednesday Topic which is due in last Monday of half term</p>	<p>Spelling test on a Monday Maths and Literacy/Topic on a Wednesday Reading diaries checked when children read with class teacher</p>	<p>Spelling test on Monday Maths and Literacy/Topic on a Wednesday. Reading diaries checked when children read with class teacher</p>
<p>How do the children record what they have to do?</p>	<p>Weekly newsletter sent home via Seesaw</p>	<p>Homework book Spellings book Parents/children writing in reading diaries Seesaw</p>	<p>Homework book Spellings book Parents/children writing in reading diaries Seesaw</p>	<p>Spellings given out and stuck in spelling books, Spellings are then uploaded to Seesaw and eSchools (books are not taken home) Task is uploaded to Seesaw and eSchools for Literacy/Maths and Topic.</p>	<p>Spellings given out and stuck in spelling books, Spellings are then uploaded to Seesaw and eSchools (books are not taken home) Task is uploaded to Seesaw and eSchools for Literacy/Maths and Topic.</p>	<p>Spellings copied from the board into homework diaries. A copy of the term’s spellings are also on eschools. Homework tasks are set on eschools and Seesaw each week</p>	<p>Spellings copied from the board into homework diaries A copy of the term’s spellings are also on eschools. Homework tasks are set on eschools and Seesaw each week</p>
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<p>Where do the children complete the work?</p>	<p>Seesaw Adults to comment on work that links to challenges and any additional work which shows merit/learning. All other work will be acknowledged</p>	<p>Homework books and/or upload to Seesaw All work will be acknowledged with one written comment per week</p>	<p>Homework books and/or upload to Seesaw All work will be acknowledged with one written comment per week.</p>	<p>All homework (including spellings and reading) can be completed in homework book and a picture up loaded to Seesaw or is uploaded directly to Seesaw or eSchools Main piece of homework is commented on Once a week reading is commented on The rest will be acknowledged</p>	<p>All homework (including spellings and reading) can be completed in homework book and a picture up loaded to Seesaw or is uploaded directly to Seesaw or eSchools Main piece of homework is commented on Once a week reading is commented on The rest will be acknowledged</p>	<p>Via eschools or Seesaw Each piece of homework set, apart from MyMaths, will be commented on</p>	<p>Via eschools or Seesaw Each piece of homework set, apart from MyMaths, will be commented on</p>

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