

Deer Park Primary School

Homework Policy



The Department for Education requires all schools to have a written homework policy that gives guidance to both teachers and parents about what is expected of them on a weekly basis. Homework is defined as *'any work or activities which pupils are asked to do outside lesson time, either on their own or with parents'*.

Purpose

The purpose of homework is:

- a) to develop an effective partnership between the school and parents in pursuing the aims of the school;
- b) to consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding across the curriculum;
- c) extend school learning through additional reading;
- d) to encourage pupils as they grow older to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study on their own prior to transferring to secondary school.

The main focus of homework will be on English and Maths however, homework projects will also be set around foundation subject topics.

What homework will my child get?

YR	Reading, phonics and NumBots
Y1	Reading, phonics and NumBots
Y2	Reading, Spelling Shed and NumBots (if children have completed Numbots, they will start on Times Table Rockstars).
Y3,Y4,Y5, Y6	Reading, Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars.
All children	All children will have a piece of project-based homework set on See-Saw, which they will need to be completed within the half term.

All of our homework is created to support and encourage your child and as such we would appreciate your support in ensuring your child completes their homework on time. We endeavour to ensure that all of our children have at least a half term to complete project homework. Other homework tasks need to be completed daily (little and often is the best way). For children who have additional learning needs, class teachers will have a discussion with families about the best way to support your child at home and these children may have different homework to enable us to better support them.

If homework is not completed within the time frame set, children will be asked to complete it during break-times.

Homework for Key Stage One

- Please hear your child read regularly for short periods of time. i.e., 10 minutes. Children who are accessing phonics (typically year R and 1) will have Little Wandle books as these align to the phonemes (sounds) we teach in class. Once your child is no longer accessing phonics (typically Y2 onwards), they will bring home a book from our Accelerated reader scheme, matched to their reading ability.
- Please read to your child as often as possible. Reading unlocks endless possibilities, develops language and builds the imagination.
- Reception and Year 1 children will be asked to practice words and phonemes linked to that weeks' phonics learning.
- Y2 children will have spellings to learn each week. These will be set on Spelling Shed.
- Year 2 children will be asked to learn and practise 2, 5 and 10 times tables and this will be set on Times Table Rockstars.
- All children will have a Numbots login where they will go to practise their basic number skills. We want to aim for children to have finished NumBots Christmas in Year 1 and then they will have access to Timestable Rockstar.
- All children from Year 2 upwards should be using the Accelerated Reader program.

Homework for Key Stage Two

- To complete daily Times Table battles on TTR.
- A weekly spelling list which will be tested weekly. These will be set on Spelling Shed.
- To ensure your child reads regularly for approximately:
1 hour per week – Years 3 and 4.
1.5 hours per week – Years 5 and 6.
- All children should be using the Accelerated Reader program.
- Year 3 children will also be asked to learn 3, 4 and 8 times tables.
- Year 4 children will also be asked to learn 6,7,9,11 and 12 times tables.

Where does my child complete their homework?

The majority of your child's homework will be APP based and we can see what they and haven't accessed in school. Project homework will be set on See-Saw. This means it is all in one place and easy for your child's class teacher to view and give any feedback if needed. See-Saw also allows your child to record their homework in a variety of ways (written, photographic, audio, video), making it accessible to all.

You will be provided with a login to See-Saw when your child starts at our school.

If you are struggling to complete homework online and on any other of the apps used in school, please come and speak to a member of staff straight away so that we can understand the issues and try to support you.

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