

Learning at Home (Homework) Policy



Together We Learn

Reviewed September 2018

This policy has been reviewed in light of changes to Government policy in March 2012.

“Ministers have scrapped guidelines setting out how much homework children should be set, in a move intended to give Headteachers greater freedom. Individual schools’ homework policies are a matter for the school and we don’t prescribe amount of homework or how it should be marked. However the DfE is supportive of homework and believes that it can help children enjoy school, achieve and reach their potential.”

Our Aims

- Ensure that parents/carers are clear about what their child is expected to do.
- Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school.
- To use homework as a tool to help to continue to raise standards of attainment.
- Provide opportunities for Parents/Carers, children and the school to work together in partnership in relation to children’s learning.
- Encourage pupils and their parents to share and enjoy learning experiences.
- Reinforce work covered in class by providing further opportunities for the individual pupil.
- To practise or consolidate basic skills and knowledge, especially in Numeracy and Literacy.
- Encourage children to develop the responsibility, confidence and self-discipline needed to study independently.
- To prepare Year 6 pupils for the transfer to secondary school.

The Nature of Homework

It should be noted that homework can be set in many different forms with many different expectations and outcomes. It is important to remember that when setting homework there are a number of points to consider:-

1. The nature and type of homework changes throughout a pupils school career.
2. Amount and frequency of homework should increase as a pupil gets older.
3. Homework should not cause undue stress on the pupil, family or the teacher.
4. It will not necessarily come in the form of a written task.
5. Homework should be set regularly from the Foundation Stage to Year 6.

Role of the Class Teacher

- To provide an explanation of homework tasks to Parents/Carers when necessary and give guidance of how they might assist their child.
- To set up regular homework in an easily followed routine.
- To ensure that homework is set consistently across classes.
- To set homework that takes equal opportunities into account.
- To ensure any homework is purposeful and links directly to the taught curriculum.
- To reward and praise children who regularly complete homework tasks.
- To mark homework and give feedback to pupils.

Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body

- To check compliance of the Policy.
- To meet and talk with parents/ carers when appropriate.
- To discuss with staff how far the policy is being successfully implemented.
- Inform new parents to the school so that they are aware of the home/school agreement and what it entails.

Role of Parents/Carers

- To sign a home school agreement dealing with homework.
- To support the school by ensuring that their child attempts the homework.
- To provide a suitable place for their child to carry out their homework.
- To encourage and praise their child when they have completed their homework.
- To become actively involved and support their child with homework activities.



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Reading: Children are expected to read with an adult at least **3 times per week**. Please **sign** and **date** your child's reading record each time you read with them. Children are rewarded for reading at home with stickers on their reading bookmarks. Once they have collected 10 stickers they receive a prize from Mr. Meredith. There are also class prizes to be won too! Even if your child is a free reader, please do encourage them to read aloud to you regularly.

Spellings: Homework books will be collected in every **Thursday**, to be marked and for new spellings to be provided. Children are expected to practise their spellings each week for a spelling test on Friday. Your child's score will be written on the following weeks spelling sheet.

Learning Together at Home Activity: In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, each week your child will receive an exciting task to complete at home with their family. This may be a creative task linked to our Topic, or an English or Maths based activity linked to the week's learning. Golden Tickets and Prizes are awarded for each entry.

English and Maths Activities: In Years 3-6 a range of home learning will be sent home in line with the details in the table below.

Family Homework: Is an optional, creative piece of homework to complete as a family with an opportunity to win a £20 Smyths Voucher for the winning entry! Please ask your child's class teacher for more information about the current term's Family Homework task.

Any home learning completed electronically can be emailed to the relevant year group email address:

earlyyears@ecs.plymouth.sch.uk

Year Group	Homework Set (Reading/Spelling/Learning at Home/English/Maths compulsory)
Nursery, Pre-school & Reception Unit	Reading 3 times per week 'Learning Together at Home' activity
1	Reading 3 times per week Between 5-10 spellings to learn (with the expectation two thirds will be correct when tested) 'Learning Together at Home' activity
2	Reading 3 times per week Between 7-10 spellings to learn (with the expectation two thirds will be correct when tested) 'Learning Together at Home' activity
3	Reading 3 times per week 10 spellings to learn (with the expectation two thirds will be correct when tested) 1 piece of English, Maths or Topic homework per week.
4	Reading 3 times per week 10 spellings to learn (with the expectation two thirds will be correct when tested) 1 piece of English, Maths or Topic homework per week.
5	Reading 3 times per week 15 spellings to learn (with the expectation two thirds will be correct when tested) 1 piece of English and Maths homework per week.
6	Reading 3 times per week 20 spellings to learn (with the expectation two thirds will be correct when tested) 1 piece of English and Maths homework per week.

Mathletics: Please see below your child's Mathletics login details. The Mathletics website is an exciting opportunity for your child to complete extra learning at home on their electronic devices. We really recommend it to help and improve your child's Maths skills. Each week children win prizes and certificates during our Celebration Assembly for high scores and engagement.



<http://uk.mathletics.com/signin>

Username:	<input type="text"/>	Password:	<input type="text"/>
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Thank you for all of your support!

Ernesettle Community School Long Term Topic Curriculum Map with Family Homework

Year	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Nursery	<p>This is me!</p>	<p>The Big Freeze!</p>	<p>Commotion in the Ocean!</p>	<p>Farmyard Friends</p>	<p>Rumble in the Jungle</p>	<p>Mad about Minibeasts!</p>
Family Homework	My treasure's box	Design a Snowman	Make a sea creature	Make a farm animal themed sweet treat	Make your own jungle animal mask	Make a bug hotel
Pre-school	<p>It's Good to be Me!</p>	<p>Woodland Wonders</p>	<p>Down on the Farm!</p>	<p>Once Upon a Time</p>	<p>Everyday Heroes</p>	<p>Happy Holidays!</p>
Family Homework	All About Me Box	Hedgehog House	Make an 'Egg-cellent' Surprise	Enjoy a Fairy-tale in an Unusual Place	Design your own Superhero Outfit	Beach in a Jar
Reception	<p>Magical Me</p>	<p>Polar Explorers</p>	<p>Out of this World</p>	<p>Shiver M' Timbers!</p>	<p>A Walk on the Wild Side</p>	<p>Ready Steady... Grow!</p>
Family Homework	Create a Family Tree	Build a House for a Penguin	Create Your Own Planet/Model of the Solar System	Make a Pirate Ship	Make an African Animal Mask	Grow the Tallest Plant/Sunflower
Year 1	<p>Amazing Architecture!</p>		<p>Flowers and Insects</p>		<p>Hooray... Let's Go on Holiday!</p>	
Family Homework	Design and Make a Building of the Future	A fact file on a famous building	Design a Symmetrical Butterfly	Invent and make a new insect	Create your own 'Welcome to Plymouth' flyer	Beach Wind Chime
Year 2	<p>From A to B</p>		<p>How are you?</p>		<p>People of the Past</p>	
Family Homework	Invent a Transport Model of the Future	Create an Egg Box Vehicle that can Move	Design and Make a Healthy Meal	Create an 'All About Me' Scrapbook	A Presentation of a Person from the Past	Create a Self Portrait in the Style of an Artist from the Past
Year 3	<p>Active Planet</p>		<p>Inventions that Changed the World</p>		<p>Saving the World</p>	
Family Homework	Create a device that alerts you the wind is blowing	Create a cake to celebrate Christmas!	Create a Plane or Glider	Invent a boat that can carry up to four clothes pegs	Create a natural collage using locally sourced natural materials	Grow a Sunflower
Year 4	<p>What's on the Menu?</p>		<p>Temples, Tombs and Treasures</p>		<p>Bright Sparks</p>	
Family Homework	Build your own restaurant using food	Grow your own food...	Create Your Own 3D Pyramid	Create your own code to enter the tomb	Make a Junk Model Electrical Circuit	Write your own biography on your favourite inventor
Year 5	<p>Mission to Mars</p>		<p>The Great, The Bold and The Brave!</p>		<p>Weather and Climate</p>	
Family Homework	Awesome Aliens – Create your own alien species	Super Spaceships - design/create your own vehicle to travel through space	Amazing Artefacts – create any ancient Greek or Roman artefact.	Glorious Gods – Turn yourself into a god or goddess	Heavenly Holidays – pack your suitcase/create a brochure or postcard	Wild Weather Presentation
Year 6	<p>Fairgrounds</p>		<p>WW2</p>		<p>Going Global</p>	
Family Homework	Design and Make a Ferris Wheel	Design Your Own Fairground..	Who is Your Most Distant Relative?	Poppy Wreath	Office 365 – Country Research	Make a 3D Globe.