

Homework – You Said, We Did

Following feedback, Westdale Junior School are now moving towards paperless homework!

'Homework' refers to any activities or pieces of work which children are asked to do outside lesson time, either on their own or with their parents/carers.

Why do we set homework?

- To reinforce and deepen learning which has taken place in school
- To promote an effective partnership between home and school
 - To encourage children as they get older to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to work on their own, preparing them for the requirements of secondary school
- To ensure that all children and parents have a clear understanding about what is expected of them

For some children, the homework set can be seen as consolidation where they will reinforce their skills and knowledge. For others, it may be an opportunity to practice what is taught in school. Class teachers will be able to see the homework, once completed, and this will then inform next steps in planning and support within the classroom.

What do we set?

The main focus of homework for each year group is on English and maths. The children may receive tasks in relation to their foundation subject, should the teacher wish to extend their learning or creativity further.

- 1) Regular reading practice. We strongly encourage all children to read at least 4x per week. This can be independent reading or reading to an adult. Please sign these reads off.
- 2) Maths/English – a task relating to what is being taught in school is set up on our Purple Mash platform, which is the same platform the children use in their computing lessons. Attached is a help sheet that shows where to access the set homework.
- 3) Spellings – spelling activities may be set through Purple Mash, however they are also in reading diaries should you decide to practice them in a different method.

TTRS – Times Table Rockstars is a platform we have used in school for many years. It encourages the children to learn and practice their timetables. Attached to this page will be a help sheet, that explains more how to navigate the website. All children in school have been able to access TTRS – however if you're having any difficulty at home, please let the class teacher know.

When will the homework be set?

The children's homework will be set once a week.

- Year 3-5's homework will be set from Friday to the following Friday.
- Year 6's homework will be set from Monday to the following Monday.

Can I ask for help?

If you are having any difficulties with accessing the homework platforms, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

Please help us in our push on homework. Some suggesting with how you can do this are:

- Make it clear to the children that we should value homework and that you support the school in its aims regarding homework.
- Praise the child on completing their work.
- Provide a quiet place in which the child can work on their homework either alone or with support.

Thank you for your continued support.