Wormit Primary School Homework and Family Learning



At Wormit Primary School we recognise that many of our families want to share their child's learning at home and help them to make progress. We also recognise that many of our children attend clubs and activities outside of school which are valuable learning experiences and give change for wider achievement. We further know that all families are different and the amount of time a parent can spend doing homework with their child will depend very much on the make up of the family and the parents' working pattern.

Research does not suggest that compulsory written homework tasks make a difference to children's progress and attainment over time. Research does suggest that a parent spending time with their child to play and learn does make a difference. We value all learning out children do

out of school whether it be provided by school or not.

Our policy is designed to be flexible to meet the needs of all our families with children being given core activities and parents being given ideas to develop skills further if they choose. Any parent with concerns about their child's learning or homework should contact Mrs Jess in the first instance.

We do make use of online learning technology for our home learning. This is because it is always available and can't go missing and because the tasks can be done as little or as much as suits an individual family. A laptop, desktop PC, tablet or iPad is a suitable device for home learning. We do not recommend a smart phone. If your child does not have a device at home on which they can access their home learning, please contact Mrs Jess – we can help by lending devices. No child is ever chastised for not completing homework and it is up to each individual family to set their homework routines and expectations. Parents should note that a new reading book will only be sent home once the previous one has been returned. If your child does not bring a weekly book home, it is likely because they haven't handed the previous one in or because they have put it in their tray instead of into their bag. Please contact the school office to pass a message to your child's teacher if a book is not coming home once per week.

Primary 1

At the start of P1, your child will not bring any homework – getting used to being at school is enough. As the year progresses they will start to bring a sounds jotter home with sounds to practice and later a reading book and/or sight words card. Your child's teacher will let you know which day to return the folder. Later still in the year you will be given a Sumdog login and password and they will be able to access this system at home which will consolidate maths skills learnt in school.

If any P1 parent would like further activities to do with their child I recommend these pages of the school website:

Literacy Home Learning Activities for Nursery, P1, 2 and 3 | Wormit Primary School (glowscotland.org.uk)

Numeracy Home Learning Activities for Nursery, P1 and P2 | Wormit Primary School (glowscotland.org.uk)

Primary 2

Primary 2 children will bring a reading book home regularly (but not in the first or last full weeks of term). They will have read the book in school and are bringing it home to 'show off'. Don't be concerned if your child seems to find it easy, it is not the first read, they have been practising. Your child's teacher will let you know when to expect the book home and when to return it. It may be once a week or twice a week depending on classroom organisation and the point your child is at in the scheme. Your child reads every day regardless of how often they bring a book home. Your child will have a Sumdog log-in and they will be able to access this system at home which will consolidate maths skills learnt in school.

If any P2 parent would like further activities to do with their child I recommend these pages of the school website:

<u>Literacy Home Learning Activities for Nursery, P1, 2 and 3 | Wormit Primary School (glowscotland.org.uk)</u>

Numeracy Home Learning Activities for Nursery, P1 and P2 | Wormit Primary School (glowscotland.org.uk)

Primary 3

Primary 3 children will bring a reading book home regularly (but not in the first or last full weeks of term). They will have read the book in school and are bringing it home to 'show off'. Don't be concerned if your child seems to find it easy, it is not the first read, they have been practising. Your child's teacher will let you know when to expect the book home and when to return it. It may be once a week or twice a week depending on classroom organisation and the point your child is at in the scheme. Your child reads every day regardless of how often they bring a book home. Your child will have a Sumdog log-in and they will be able to access this system at home which will consolidate maths skills learnt in school. Once the year is starting to progress, they will also receive a Spellingframe log in and they can use this to practise spelling at home. They might be allocated a word list within the system or your child's teacher might tell you which words to focus on.

If any P3 parent would like further activities to do with their child I recommend these pages of the school website:

Literacy Home Learning Activities for Nursery, P1, 2 and 3 | Wormit Primary School (glowscotland.org.uk)

Numeracy Home Learning Activities for Nursery, P1 and P2 | Wormit Primary School (glowscotland.org.uk)

As the year progresses, you may also find this helpful: Secure-Within-100.pdf (glowscotland.org.uk)

Primary 4 and 5

Primary 4 and 5 children will bring a reading book home regularly (but not in the first or last full weeks of term). Depending on their age and stage, their teacher might ask them to re-read at home or they might ask them to read a new section. By this stage, your child might not need to read aloud to you. If it is a longer text, they can read it on their own and then tell you what they have enjoyed or learnt or what happened in the story. If your child finds reading hard, you may like to take it in turns reading. Your child's teacher will let you know when to expect the reading folder home and when to return it. It may be once a week or twice a week depending on classroom organisation. Your child reads every day regardless of how often they bring a book home. Your child will have a Sumdog log-in and they will be able to access this system at home which will consolidate maths skills learnt in school. Your child's teacher will set Sumdog Challenges and tasks from time to time and when there is not a task they will benefit from playing the games. They will also have a Spellingframe log in and they can use this to practice spelling at home. In P4 and 5 the teacher will allocate a word list to match what they have

been learning in class. In P4 and 5, children will learn to log into GLOW and use teams and email in school. In the event of a school closure leading to a period of home learning, the children might make use of GLOW at home but except in this exceptional circumstance, P4&5 will not use GLOW for homework.

If any P4&5 parent would like further activities to do with their child I recommend these pages of the school website:

<u>Literacy Home Learning Activities for P4, 5, 6 and 7 | Wormit Primary School (glowscotland.org.uk)</u>

Numeracy Home Learning Activities for P3 and P4 | Wormit Primary School (glowscotland.org.uk)

Numeracy Home Learning Activities for P5, 6 and 7 | Wormit Primary School (glowscotland.org.uk)

Primary 6 and 7

Primary 6 and 7 children will bring a reading book home regularly (but not in the first or last full weeks of term). Depending on their age and stage, their teacher might ask them to re-read at home or they might ask them to read a new section. By this stage, your child might not need to read aloud to you. If it is a longer text, they can read it on their own and then tell you what they have enjoyed or learnt or what happened in the story. There be a task associated with the reading as well as a section to read. Your child's teacher will let you know when to expect the reading folder home and when to return it. Your child will have a Sumdog log-in and they will be able to access this system at home which will consolidate maths skills learnt in school. Your child's teacher will set Sumdog Challenges and tasks from time to time and when there is not a task they will benefit from playing the games. They will also have a Spellingframe log in and they can use this to practice spelling at home. In P4 and 5 the teacher will allocate a word list to match what they have been learning in class. In P6 and 7, children will log into GLOW and use teams and email in school and at home and the class teacher will post activities to support home learning and encourage the use of GLOW, teams and email at home. This will establish online learning routines and skills which will support them in S1 and beyond as well as on any school closure days which may be necessary due to circumstances outwith our control.

If any P6&7 parent would like further activities to do with their child I recommend these pages of the school website:

Literacy Home Learning Activities for P4, 5, 6 and 7 | Wormit Primary School (glowscotland.org.uk)

Numeracy Home Learning Activities for P5, 6 and 7 | Wormit Primary School (glowscotland.org.uk)