



LAWTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL



A PARENT'S GUIDE TO HOMEWORK

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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Lawthorn Primary School we aim to work closely with children and families to support our children to achieve their full potential. We have produced this booklet to help you to understand the approach we have taken to homework at Lawthorn Primary School. If you have any further questions after reading this booklet, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully,

Miss S. Grossart (Head Teacher)



Why Home Learning?

Parental investment in learning at home is considered to make a positive contribution to child development. Skills such as organisation, planning and communication support learning, and can motivate children to learn by helping them to make connections between curriculum subjects and everyday experiences (Hartas, 2011).

School Approach

We conducted a homework consultation with children, parents and staff in 2019-2020. The outcome of this consultation identified a need for homework to be:

- flexible
- motivating
- manageable



With this in mind, and taking account of the extensive research into learning at home, we have changed our approach from the traditional prescribed homework tasks towards more home learning tasks.

Examples of home learning activities which may help your child and raise attainment include:

- playing with letters/numbers at home
- exploring sounds and letters
- reading with your child
- visits to the library, museums, galleries
- helping your child to learn songs or nursery rhymes
- encouraging and helping your child to cook a meal and/or set the table
- allowing your child to help you with DIY jobs around the house
- researching a topic of interest on the internet, in a library or from other sources
- helping your child to learn about political parties before they go to vote
- working together with your child on different activities e.g. gardening, baking
- showing your child how to play a musical instrument

What will home learning look like for my child?

Termly Parent Information Leaflet

At the beginning of each term, class teachers will provide a leaflet with information on what your child will be learning throughout the term and suggestions on how you can support learning at home.



When will home learning activities be issued?

P1-3

Pupils will be given termly homework grids and weekly spelling to practise at home. A reading book or reading activity will also be sent home.

P4-7

Pupils will be given homework grids and weekly spelling work to practise at home. In addition to this, they will be given a reading book appropriate to their level. Reading books may be class texts or children may select a book from the library.*

** Please note that our library is currently being updated. We will begin to send books home once this work has been completed.*

Numeracy in P4 - P7



Online numeracy and mathematics games and activities.

We have purchased a subscription to Sumdog, an online site to support your child's numeracy and maths skills. Every child has their own login and class teachers will set the level and topic to meet the needs of your child. Class teachers can also check your child's progress and achievement.

Please let the class teacher know if your child requires a jotter. Homework does not need to be returned to school once completed.

Support for Parents

If you would like any further information on home learning, please feel free to contact the school via email or telephone.

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss S. Grossart
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