

Lea Valley Primary School

Homework Policy



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1. A WHOLE-SCHOOL APPROACH

We define homework as any activity the pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members. At Lea Valley Primary School, we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of developing this partnership.

The aim of homework at LVS is to

- Help our pupils succeed by learning more and remembering more
- Encourage parents to take an active role in their children's achievements.
- To prepare older pupils for secondary school

2. HOMEWORK AT OUR SCHOOL

Whilst we support all of the above key principles, Lea Valley Primary is not a school at which homework dominates home and school life. We accept that not every activity will capture children and parents' imagination and that weekends can sometimes be busy. We believe that homework should be enjoyable and manageable for all concerned and that if it becomes a chore/burden/source of conflict it ceases to be a constructive aspect of teaching and learning.

We do not specify amounts of time that must be spent on a task, preferring individual children and families to set their own routines. Individual teachers are happy to give advice.

We hope the children are motivated by the tasks themselves and our school values of determination and ambition. Homework registers are kept and if a child consistently fails to complete and return tasks, this is discussed with the child and their parents.

Every effort will be made to set differentiated work, but inevitably there will be some pupils who will work more quickly than others.

It is our policy not to give homework over the holidays and half term breaks. The exception will be where the parent and teacher agree extra work would be beneficial.

3. HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

All children are expected to read to an adult for at least 15 minutes every day. This will be recorded in their reading record. This is crucial for them to increase their vocabulary and knowledge of the world and to become lifelong readers.

All homework will be set on a Monday and pupils will be have a week to complete it.

Phonics

When children are in the early stages of learning to read they are taught through Read Write Inc. In order for them to become confident with the sounds and then fluent readers, they have to consolidate the learning at school with learning at home. All children who are learning phonics are expected to watch a phonics video daily. These are available on tapestry or emailed to parents daily.

KS1 and Lower KS2

All children are expected to complete a task on Reading Eggs and Mathletics every week. These tasks will be set by the teacher. These tasks are to practice independently at home the things that they have learned in school. Passwords are given to children at the beginning of each year.

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/>

<https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>

Upper KS2

In upper KS2 the home changes to prepare pupils for the next step in education. In Year 5 and 6 children will complete a weekly task on Mymaths and Read Theory. These task are to practice independently at home the things that they have learned in school. Passwords are given to children at the beginning of each year.

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

<https://readtheory.org/>

Pupils, from time to time, may be given additional revision work particularly in Year 5 and 6.

Blended Learning

Some tasks, such as learning number facts or key words, are best practised 'little and often'. Class teachers may advise parents to spend a few minutes each day on such learning tasks, but will inform them which day of the week such lists/activities will be brought home.

We use an online learning platform called Purple Mash to encourage children and parents to revisit their learning at home. Teachers will upload and tasks linked to topics being taught in school for the pupils to complete at home.

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/leavalley-n17>

What to do if you have concerns

As our homework is set online please let a member of the team know if you do not have access to the internet or a device on which children can complete their work. If you need your child's passwords please ask their class teacher or the school office.

If you find the homework inappropriate for your child, if they lack interest, if it becomes a battleground or if you are concerned that homework is given inconsistently please discuss this with your child's teacher in the first instance.

If you still have concerns, please make an appointment to discuss the matter further with the leadership team.