



Applegarth Primary School – Homework Policy



This policy reflects our belief that homework is a tool to engage parents in pupils' learning to stimulate high-quality talk about the curriculum. We also give precedence to phonics, reading practice, spelling and fluency in number because these are aspects which have been shown to contribute to growth in attainment.

Reception	Phonics celebration read (ebook)	Spelling High Frequency Words	Knowledge organisers	List of suggested tasks	Number Facts- School Website	Share 'Read to Me' books		
Year 1	Phonics celebration read (ebook)	Spelling Shed Games	Knowledge organisers	List of suggested tasks	Number Facts- School Website	Share 'Read to Me' books		
Year 2	Reading for pleasure 3 times per week (15 mins/night)	Spelling Shed Games	Knowledge organisers	CGP Maths Wk1 CGP Reading Wk2 CGP EGPS Wk3 (10 mins)	TT Rockstars Maths Shed	Share 'Read to Me' books Phonics celebration read ebook*		
Year 3	Reading for pleasure 3 times per week (20 mins/night)	Spelling Shed Games	Knowledge organisers	List of suggested tasks	TT Rockstars Maths Shed	Targeted Maths 15 mins	Targeted English 15 mins	
Year 4	Reading for pleasure 3 times per week (20 mins/night)	Spelling Shed Games	Knowledge organiser	List of suggested tasks	TT Rockstars Maths Shed	Targeted Maths 15 mins	Targeted English 15 mins	
Year 5	Reading for pleasure 3 times per week (25 mins/night)	Spelling Shed Games	Knowledge organisers	List of suggested tasks	TT Rockstars Maths Shed	Targeted Maths 15 mins	Targeted English 15 mins	
Year 6	Reading for pleasure 3 times per week (25 mins/night)	Spelling Shed Games	Knowledge organisers	CGP Maths, Reading and EGPS	TT Rockstars Maths Shed	Targeted Maths 15 mins	Targeted English 15 mins	SATs Companion (15 mins)

*For those on the Little Wandle Program.

Independent Reading & Read to Me

This is the most crucial aspect of homework and is compulsory. Research has shown the huge impact that reading at home makes to pupils' achievement. Independent reading refers to pupils reading for themselves. This will usually be with an adult who is there to support, question, clarify unfamiliar words and praise the child. The more regularly pupils read, the better. **We specify that pupils should read at least three times a week at home and have their reading record signed.** 'Read to Me' books are for you to read to your child to promote a love of reading. You may wish to use them as part of your bedtime routine.

Spelling

This goes hand in hand with phonics and reading and is a compulsory aspect of homework. Spelling will have positive impact on reading and vice versa. When practised together, a virtuous cycle begins and pupils' confidence grows as they feel like writers and readers.

Knowledge organiser

This information is there to inform you what your child is learning about in school. It is also there as a basic entitlement of knowledge for pupils. Please read, discuss and explore this document. Feel free to research aspects online, visit places or engage in tasks that you think will help children to retain the knowledge contained in the Knowledge Organiser. If you would like to, you can use the ideas from the **list of suggested tasks** to get you started. Pupils are welcome to share their homework tasks on Seesaw. The teacher will praise and celebrate the work but it will not be formally marked. The important thing is the discussion and sharing of knowledge that has been gained.

Number facts

From Year 2 onwards, pupils can access Times Table Rockstars. Prior to that, pupils can play online games to rehearse key number facts. (There will be links on the maths page on the school website. They can be found under the curriculum/subjects/maths tab or via the pupil tab as of April 2020).

Maths and English

Rather than setting blanket maths and English tasks. Teachers will set work for individuals and groups with work designed to consolidate or extend their learning in English and maths. There is no expectation for your child to receive homework weekly or fortnightly. They will get receive it as the need arises. This is a more targeted approach which is proven to have a much higher impact. **Year 6 will have access to SATs companion where regular Maths and English homework will be set.**

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