



The purpose of this booklet is to help you support your child's learning at home in partnership with us. At West End, we set regular homework and give you ideas for additional optional home learning.

What is Homework?

At West End we view homework as being supported or independent tasks which are undertaken outside of curriculum time and which reinforce, extend or enrich current learning. Homework always links with what we are learning in school and you can use the Curriculum Letter that is sent home at the beginning of every half term to see what your child is learning. Different homework is set for different year groups and you will find the details for your child's year group in this homework help booklet.



What is Home Learning?

Home learning is work you can do with your child to help them consolidate their learning. This is additional to homework and is optional. Home learning is done at home, is not collected and marked, but will contribute to your child's progress and will help them with their learning in school.

Why is it set?

The purpose of homework is:

- To provide opportunities for parents to be involved in children's learning
- To enable children to practise and consolidate skills.
- To enable children to take responsibility for their own learning, become more independent and develop perseverance.
- To enable the learning in school to be added to and enriched by learning at home.



How can you help?

- Provide a quiet area for your child to work
- Offer your child help and encouragement
- Encourage your child to complete their homework and hand it in before the deadline.
- Take an interest in their homework and encourage them to take pride in what they are producing

What to do if you have a query?



If your child has a problem completing their homework, then please contact their class teacher. We will do all we can to support you at home. Your support is vital for your child's success in developing self-study skills as they move on up through the school. We hope that this booklet is helpful.

What Homework is set at West End?

The homework for each year group and ideas for home learning are set out over the rest of the booklet.



Reception Homework

As part of our partnership with parents, we encourage you to contribute to their Learning Journeys by collecting evidence of their learning at home such as comments, photographs and observations that you can bring into school at any time. This could be something that you are proud of eg swimming certificates; small achievements eg getting dressed on their own or being helpful at home.

As well as these we would like you to:

- Read at least four times a week. These will be picture books at first but looking at the pictures and telling the story is crucial to developing reading skills. Children will move onto books with words when they are ready for this next step. Reading is the most important homework to do with your child. Children who read every day at home make significantly more progress than those who don't.
- Letter cards will be sent home when your child has learnt new letter sounds. When children are ready, 'tricky words/ high frequency words', which can't always be 'sounded out', will also be sent home. First of all children need to learn to read these, then write them.
- Number cards will be sent home for you to practise reading, sequencing and writing. Once they are good at this, we ask you to practise counting and saying one more and one less.

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Here are some other ideas that you could do to help your child with their learning:

- Reading for pleasure/ sharing books
- Role play
- Making things out of a variety of materials
- Visit places of interest e.g. the zoo
- Looking in the environment for patterns, shapes and numbers.
- Talking to your child is really important about anything!
- Numbots

Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Year 6 Homework

- Read at least four times a week. A minimum of one school book should be read each week or 30 pages if it is a long book. If children do not read at home the required amount of times they will be expected to use Golden Time on a Friday to catch up.
- Spellings/Phonics words will be sent home half termly and these should be practised at least three times a week.
- Optional half termly topic homework.
- Mathematics and Times Tables Rockstars/Numbots



When will homework be sent home and how is it marked?

- Reading books are changed every Monday. Children will be given a book they have previously read, for fluency, and a new book with the sound or target they are currently learning. Once you have read these daily we encourage reading any other books that your child enjoys. Parents must sign the reading record to say they have read at home. Once in school children get a sticker for every time they have read on their bookmark. A full bookmark results in children choosing a book to keep. Failure to read the required 4 times a week will result in a message home and your child will be expected to read in their Golden Time on a Friday.
- Topic homework will be stuck in the homework book half termly and your child will get a Gold, Silver or Bronze sticker. This will be graded in school and will be awarded a sticker depending on effort, quality and presentation. Only exceptional homework will get a Gold Sticker.

N.B in Year 6 other homework may be given to prepare children for their SATs in May/June.

Home Learning



Here are some ideas that you could do with your child to help them in their learning :

- Mathematics
- Times tables Rockstars/Numbots
- BBC Bite size
- Lancashire Reading Challenge
- Reading for pleasure

- Visits to places that link with our curriculum
- Extra optional themed homework e.g. researching the topic we are learning about.
- Phonics e.g. phonics play
- Practise SAT's papers in Y6
- Lexia/Nessy
- Science Developing Experts

In Conclusion

We understand that parents have different feelings about homework and some people would like more homework than others, so we are hoping that this guide will help you.

We feel that the key skill that your child needs is Reading so that is the only compulsory part that we ask you to complete nightly if possible but a minimum of 4 times a week. This only needs to be for 5 minutes.

The topic homework allows children and parents to look together at what they are learning in school. If you would like extra homework, then please complete more of the topic homework provided or select from the list of Home Learning Tasks. Mathematics/Times Tables Rockstars/Numbots/Lexia/Nessy are computer based programmes that your child can do and get rewarded in school for completing.

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