

West Ewell Primary School Homework Policy – Year 2



Parents are the key educators in children's lives and have a critical influence over the success of children's learning. We suggest that in the early stages of a child's school life at least 10 minutes is set aside each day to work with your child in a purposeful way.

In Year 2, two homework tasks will be set each week. One of these will be spellings and the other will be either a topic or maths based activity on an alternate basis. These tasks will either reinforce the learning we have done at school or prepare the children for learning that will follow. Homework books should be returned each Wednesday, it will be marked and books given back by Friday. Alongside these tasks, the children also have the opportunity to practise their times tables on Times Table Rock Stars and to complete chosen activities on Purple Mash.

Reading

The children can choose reading books from school within their book band and towards the end of Year 2 some children will also choose books within their individual reading range in accelerated reader from school or home. The level of books can be checked at <http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/>.

Children should read 5 times per week and this should be recorded in their reading record.

Questions you could ask when discussing reading:

1. Were there any parts/words you didn't understand?
2. What were the main events?
3. What do think might happen next? Why do you think this?
4. What genre is the text? How do you know?
5. Where and when is the text set? How does the writer show this?
6. What has been the most interesting/exciting part? Can you explain why?
7. Can you identify words in the text that help the author create mood/effect?
8. Which character did you find most interesting? Can you explain why?
9. How would you have reacted to events in the story?
10. Have you read any other books by this author/in this genre/on this topic? How were they similar or different?

Writing

The children should apply what they have learnt in school to their homework. For example: use neat (where possible joined) handwriting, punctuating with capital letters, full stops, commas in lists, exclamation marks, question marks, apostrophes and to try to include adjectives and adverbs. Spellings will also be set each week following the spelling rule we have focused on in school. These will be in green 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' books. We do also ask that children regularly practise the Y2 Common Exception words and work towards being able to spell all of these by the end of the year.

Maths

Children are asked to practise times tables at home, using Times Table Rock Stars as well as their own favourite ways of practising. We will regularly have quizzes at school. The purpose of the quiz is to encourage rapid recall of number facts rather than an assessment of what they know. This is explained frequently to the children. Maths homework linked to our learning in class will be given out each alternate week in yellow homework books.

Rowan Class

In line with the rest of Key Stage 1, the children in Rowan class are encouraged to read at home. Reading records are checked daily to see if books need changing. Homework is sent home on a Friday in a plastic wallet and is expected to be completed and returned to school by the Wednesday of the next week. The homework is closely linked to the needs of the children and will consolidate an activity completed in school that week.