

Any questions?

Your child's teacher will be happy to answer questions about homework or explain what your child needs to do. We try to ensure that homework builds on, and reinforces, learning in the classroom. If your child is struggling with their homework, or becomes distressed, please talk to the class teacher as soon as you can.



Develop a positive attitude



Developing a positive attitude is likely to bring the best results. Please support your child to complete their homework by encouraging them and asking questions to develop their learning (try not to give so much help that you do it for them).

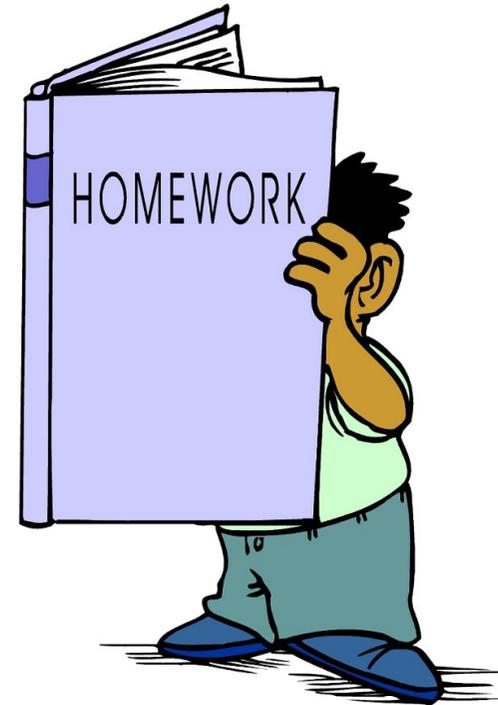
Other opportunities for learning together as a family

Remember there are lots of other learning opportunities at home—going for a walk in the park, cooking together, singing songs, reading with/to your child, and even just having a chat are all valuable experiences.

Playing board games and card games, doing jigsaw puzzles, and eating meals together teaches children about turn-taking and sharing, and develops language and speaking skills, as well as having fun together as a family.



Learning At Home



**Information about
homework at
Fairholme School**

“We believe we can achieve” – our Fairholme motto

At Fairholme, we set weekly homework. We value home learning because:

- It supports children in making the best progress they can, both academically and socially.
- It helps our children to develop skills in becoming independent learners, and helps them to develop good work habits for the future.
- It develops a positive partnership between home and school in supporting each child’s learning.
- It consolidates and reinforces learning taught in school and allows children to practice skills that they have been taught in lessons.



What homework can you expect?

Reading will always be one of the most important parts of your child’s homework. Your child will be expected to read at home regularly throughout their time at Fairholme School. Reading for 15-20 minutes every evening, on their own or sharing a book with an adult, will help children to develop reading skills and a love of literature.

As well as reading, children will also receive **phonics or spellings**, a piece of **maths** homework and a piece of **English** homework each week. They may also be asked to complete a **creative or research project** relating to their topic over each half term.

We don’t expect that homework will take much more than an hour a week to complete (less for younger children). Please don’t let your child spend more than 15-30 minutes (depending on their age) on any one piece of homework.

How can parents and carers help with homework?

There are lots of things you can do to help your child learn at home:

- Join a library, borrow books and help your child find information.
- Ensure your child has a quiet space in which to complete their homework.
- Praise effort and offer encouragement.
- Give a gentle reminder when there is work to be done.
- Encourage your child to expect high standards of him or herself.
- Ensure the time is right for homework and your child is not missing their favourite activity or TV programme, and they are not too tired.

Homework Book



We will provide your child with a book in which to complete homework, and stick in any sheets. We encourage the children to keep their homework book in pristine condition, taking pride in, and celebrating, their home learning. We do not allow children to draw on the cover of any of their books.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and must be handed in (in the homework book) **on a Tuesday** – this is the same for all year groups.

Your child should complete homework with a writing pencil. (S/he may use a pen for written homework if they have a pen licence and complete work in school with a pen, but maths work is always completed with a pencil.) Please do not allow your child to use felt tip pens in their homework book. Colouring pencils can be used to improve presentation. If you find you do not have the resources you need at home (pencils, coloured pencils, glue sticks), please speak to your child’s teacher.