

Discovery Primary School Homework Guidelines

The Reception class will take reading books home during the first week of starting school. Initially books will be sent home to share together and develop language skills. These may be books without words or books which will require you to read to your child. Books will be changed as and when your child has finished reading it and an adult has signed the reading record. Try to listen to your child read for 10 minutes each day and make a note of when you have heard your child read in their reading record book. 'Tricky words' (words that cannot be sounded out) are sent home with the children when they are appropriate. Throughout the year, children may receive other activities which enhance our topic work and can be linked to either Literacy, Maths or the creative curriculum. If parents wish to comment or ask a question about homework they can ask the class teacher or communicate through the home school book.

Year 1

Reading books will be sent home daily. Try to listen to your child read for 5 to 10 minutes each day and make a note of when you have heard your child read in their reading record book. The children are being encouraged to change their books independently once they have read their book at home.

- Phonics homework will be sent home on Thursday and must be returned the following Tuesday. This homework will be based on words and graphemes that your child has been focussing on in their phonics lessons. Grammar Hammer homework will start after the children have completed their phonics screening test.
- Children will be given a piece of maths homework every Thursday. This will need to be completed and returned to school the following Tuesday.
- Spellings will be sent home to practise every Friday and then the children will be tested the following Friday.

If parents wish to comment or ask a question about homework they can ask the class teacher or communicate through the yellow home/school book.

Year	Daily/Termly	When handed out	When expected in
2	Reading books daily. Spellings to practise daily for a weekly test. Times table tests will begin after Christmas.	My Maths or grammar homework set on alternate weeks. Work set on a Friday (20 mins)	My Maths or grammar homework to be completed by the following Thursday . Spelling test will be on Wednesday
3	Reading books daily. Spellings to practise daily for a weekly test. Times tables tests to begin after half term.	Maths and grammar homework set every week on a Wednesday . (approx 30 mins) Spellings will be given out on a Wednesday and tests carried out on the following	Work to be completed by the following Tuesday

		Wednesday. Times tables to be practised daily.	
4	Reading books daily. Spellings and x tables to be practised daily ready for a weekly test.	Maths and grammar homework will be set each week on a Thursday. (35mins)	Work to be completed by the following Wednesday.
5	Reading books daily. Accelerated quizzes usually once a week. Spellings and times tables to be practised daily. Times tables will be tested each day in maths. Spellings will be tested every Friday.	Maths and grammar homework to be set on a Wednesday (45 minutes approximately).	Homework to be handed in the following Monday.
6	Reading books daily. Spellings and x tables to be practised daily ready for a weekly test.	Maths and grammar homework to be set on a Thursday.	Maths and grammar homework to be handed in the following Tuesday.

The purpose of homework is to:

- Consolidate skills learnt at school through practise at home (e.g. tables, high frequency words).
- Enrich children's learning through extending their understanding with research or investigate activities at home (e.g. researching information for a project or collecting data for a maths activity).
- Support the partnership between home and school
- Prepare children for increased homework expectations in secondary school. To this end, the older children may occasionally have extra tasks.

Homework will be recorded in a homework book from year 2 onwards. This book will go between home and school. All homework will be stuck into the book.

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