



A Guide to Homework for Parents (Years 1 - 6)

Information about termly homework can be accessed on our school website via the *Homework* tab
<http://www.bromptonwestbrook.medway.sch.uk>

Reading and maths homework tasks can be accessed online at <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0> . The school code for the Active Learn website is **hwk7**.

Please ask at the office for paper versions of the homework packs if needed. Any children who don't have internet access at home will have the opportunity to complete the homework at school. Please inform your child's class teacher.



Reading Homework

The reading homework is provided through an online resource. To access this, pupils need to go to <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0> and log on using their log in details. The school code is hwk7. The username is their first name and surname (with capital letters at the beginning). Their password is their first name (with a capital letter). For example John Smith: username - John Smith, password - John. We want our children to be aware of e-safety but understand the difficulty of children remembering different passwords. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like their password to be changed. Pupils need to click on the *MY STUFF* tab and then the *Bug Club* icon. Pupils will have an online book to read. On some of the pages a bug icon will appear. Clicking on the bug icon will open a question about the text. When the question has been answered correctly the bug will go to sleep. Teachers will check the answers to these questions and provide a feedback form to parents at the end of each term.



Maths Homework

The maths homework is provided through an online resource. To access this, pupils need to go to <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0> and log on using their log in details. The school code is hwk7. The username is their first name and surname (with capital letters at the beginning). Their password is their first name (with a capital letter). For example John Smith: username - John Smith, password - John. We want our children to be aware of e-safety but understand the difficulty of children remembering different passwords. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like their password to be changed. Pupils need to click on the *MY STUFF* tab and then the *Abacus* icon. Pupils will have a maths activity to complete. They will start with a bronze activity and can then move on to the silver and gold activities when they are confident. Some of the activities may have a time limit. Pupils are able to repeat the activity to improve their score and move onto the silver or gold activity. Teachers will check the answers to these questions and provide a feedback form to parents at the end of each term.



Writing Homework

In **Years 1 and 2**, topic homework and writing homework are combined into one pack.



Topic Homework

The writing homework pack is available on the school website via the *Homework* tab. For their writing homework, pupils are given a choice of writing activities to complete. They should complete the activity, remembering the writing targets they have been given. Homework should be completed on paper and returned to the class teacher by the return date. Please ask your child's class teacher if you need any paper or pencils to complete the work. Teachers will review the written work and provide feedback to parents.

The topic homework pack is available on the school website via the *Homework* tab. The topic homework is linked to the topic that children are learning about in class. This will usually consist of a practical activity such as making a model, creating a piece of art work or carrying out an investigation. Home learning achievements will be recognised in termly awards assemblies.



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We believe that **home learning** can contribute to raising standards if the activities are well planned to match learners' needs and interests. Through home learning, parents should be able to understand about expectations for their child and be able to support their child's learning. It should promote **partnership working between home and school**.

Through home learning we aim to:

- Enhance children's learning
- Broaden children's experiences and outlook
- Help parents to support their child's learning
- Help children to gradually become more responsible for their own learning
- Reinforce skills and knowledge learnt and practiced in school
- Develop research skills
- Encourage a positive attitude to learning
- Prepare them for the next stage of their education and beyond

Homework is not compulsory for primary aged children and parents have the right to withdraw their child from the homework programme. However, we **encourage** every parent and are always happy to give guidance to support it. Children in Years 1 – 6 will receive **weekly spellings and mental maths** and are expected to practise for approximately 5 - 10 minutes daily at home. The children will then be tested on these on a Friday. Results will be shared with parents at parent consultations and at the end of each term by text.

Termly homework is also given to pupils for reading, writing, maths and topic work. Children usually have approximately four weeks to complete the homework. The reading and maths homework is provided through an online resource. Pupils will need to log in to their own account where they will have an online book to read and answer some questions about and a separate maths activity. Topic and writing homework packs are available on the school website, however parents **can also request a paper copy** if required.

For their writing homework, pupils are given a choice of writing activities to complete. They should complete the activity, remembering the writing targets they have been given. The topic homework is linked to the topic that children are learning about in class. This will usually consist of a practical activity.

Parents will receive feedback about their child's homework at the end of each term. Home learning achievements will also be recognised in awards assemblies.