



Guide to Upper Key Stage Two Homework (Y5 and Y6)

Dear parents / carers,

Please find details of the homework your child will receive on a weekly basis below. Homework is designed to consolidate pupils' learning in school. Each week your child should complete the following tasks:

Reading

Children are given a reading book matched to their reading ability. Many of these books are available online at www.oxfordowl.co.uk. Each week, they will read and discuss this book in a group with their teacher. They will be told where they are expected to read up to in preparation for the following week. It is preferable to break up this reading into smaller chunks rather than try to complete it all in one go the night before guided reading in school. Even when children can read independently to themselves, it is important that they continue to read aloud to an adult for at least ten minutes each week.

Children have a reading diary where they should record when they read at home. They should record any words that they do not know and can make a comment about the book. Adults should also make a comment in the reading diary when they have listened to the child read aloud.

Guided reading takes place on the following days in each class, although children should bring their book to school every day as there are often opportunities for a few minutes' reading during the school day.

Y5B Friday
Y5K Thursday
Y6G Wednesday
Y6H Tuesday

Spelling

Children will continue to be taught spellings daily. They have been provided with a spelling log book and a spelling practice book. Weekly spellings will be identified in the log book. These will be checked once every week. If a child misspells any words, these will be added for further practice the following week. We recommend that your child practises their spellings at least three times a week.

Lexia

Lexia is an online learning program that accelerates the development of fundamental literacy skills. All children have a user name and password. Children access the program regularly at school but would benefit from additional practice at home. Teachers monitor usage and expect a minimum of twenty minutes' practice each week. However, we would be delighted to see children accessing Lexia more than this.

Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots

TTRS and Numbots are online games to help children develop rapid recall of number bonds and times tables facts. Children have opportunities throughout the week to practise in school but are also expected to access the program for a minimum of ten minutes, three times each week at home.

Supplementary Homework Activities

We are aware that many children have other activities to complete outside of school. Wider opportunities such as sports' clubs and youth groups are important but may mean some children don't have as much time left to complete additional homework activities. However, some parents request extra homework to support their child and to help them achieve their potential. Each week, children will be allocated a maths task using www.mymaths.co.uk and a grammar task using www.spag.com . We encourage children to complete these tasks but they are not compulsory.

Personal research

Our children are often keen to complete additional research into their topics at home. We have subscriptions to many excellent websites that can support this. Details of all websites and passwords have previously been provided. If your child has forgotten any usernames or passwords please let their class teacher know and they will be resent.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Wass