



Lumley Primary Federation

Homework Policy

2022 - 2023

Lumley Infant and Nursery School

Aims

At Lumley Infant and Nursery School we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of developing this partnership. Homework is designed to consolidate or extend pupils' learning in school and we aim to make it as enjoyable for both parents and pupils.

Why Give Homework?

- Key skills in English, Mathematics can be rehearsed and practised at home.
- It informs parents about the learning that takes place in their child's class and provides information on how to best support the development of key skills.
- Through enquiry-based activities, homework can nurture a 'love of learning', stimulating enthusiasm and curiosity for current themes and topics within mathematics.

Reception Homework

Reading	Writing	Mathematics
<p><u>Reading Book:</u> Your child will receive a reading book that is matched to their reading ability. Initially the reading books your child brings home will be a picture book or a text with only a few words. These texts are really valuable in developing children's early comprehension skills and provide rich language opportunities. As reading skills develop children will progress onto books containing singular words per page, moving onto reading simple sentences. At this stage, there is a focus on decoding skills rather than fluency. Books will be changed on a weekly basis.</p> <p><u>We expect children in Reception to read their reading book at home at least twice, weekly. Please ensure book folders are kept in your child's bag every day to preempt any timetable changes.</u></p> <p><u>Lexia:</u> Lexia is a highly engaging web-based reading programme that provides targeted practise and instruction to pupils to help develop their reading skills. It is important that pupils use this programme without the input of an adult so that assessments are accurate. Of course, you can provide additional instruction if your child is struggling to understand. Children will be provided with individual login details.</p> <p><u>We expect children in Reception to access Lexia for ten minutes, twice weekly.</u></p> <p><u>Library Book</u> Your child will choose a library book to share with you at home. This book is for you to share at your own leisure to develop your child's love of reading. This book is not matched to your child's reading ability.</p>	<p><u>Handwriting:</u> Your child will be given a small Read Write Inc. Speed Sounds Book where they will receive weekly handwriting practice to support their ability to form single letters correctly.</p> <div data-bbox="770 1120 976 1294" data-label="Image">  </div> <p>Teachers will date the pages to complete every week based on what the children have been taught in school. Please do not skip ahead. Guidance will be provided to support parents and carers to develop fine motor skills, correct pencil grip and control.</p> <p><u>We expect all children to complete their handwriting task every week. Please return books in their homework folder every Thursday to be marked. New homework will be sent home every Friday.</u></p> <p><u>Spellings:</u> Children will no longer receive a weekly spelling quiz. Children practice spellings, daily, within their phonics sessions in school.</p>	<p><u>From the Spring Term,</u> children will receive a weekly homework task within an A4 exercise book. The book will contain a weekly challenge which will be linked to their learning in mathematics. The class teacher will outline the task at the top of the page and give examples of how the challenge can be solved or recorded in the book.</p> <p><u>We expect all children to complete their mathematics task every week.</u></p> <p><u>Please return books in their homework folder every Thursday to be marked. New homework will be sent home every Friday.</u></p>



Key Stage One Homework

Reading	Writing	Mathematics
<p>Reading Book:</p> <p><u>Children who are receiving phonics teaching:</u> Your child will receive a reading book that is matched to their reading ability. This book will be a paper version of the text read in school. Children will have read this book in school several times. Children will be able to read this book with fluency and should not have to rely on decoding skills for most words. Children will also receive an additional ‘book bag’ book. This book is also matched to their reading ability but will not have been shared in school.</p> <p><u>Children who have completed phonics:</u> Your child will receive a book that is matched to their reading ability. Children will have read this book in school. Children should be encouraged to read most words on-sight, relying on decoding skills when tackling new vocabulary. This will continue to develop their fluency skills.</p> <p><u>We expect children in Key Stage One to read their reading book at home at least 3 times, weekly. Books will be changed every 3-5 days. Please ensure book folders are kept in your child’s bag every day to preempt any timetable changes.</u></p> <p>Lexia: Lexia is a highly engaging web-based reading programme that provides targeted practise and instruction to pupils to help develop their reading skills. It is important that pupils use this programme without the input of an adult so that assessments are accurate. Of course, you can provide additional instruction if your child is struggling to understand. Children will be provided with individual login details. <u>We expect children to access Lexia for ten minutes, three times weekly.</u></p> <p>Library Book Your child will choose a library book to share with you at home. This book is for you to share at your own leisure to develop your child’s love of reading. This book is not matched to your child’s reading ability.</p>	<p>Handwriting: Your child will be given an A5 handwriting book where they will receive weekly handwriting practice. Children will practice writing single letters using a cursive style, moving onto practicing simple joins to then joining full words and sentences. <u>We expect all children to complete their handwriting task every week. Please return books in their homework folder every Thursday to be marked. New homework will be sent home every Friday.</u></p> <p>Spellings: Children still receiving phonics teaching, will no longer receive a weekly spelling quiz. Children practice spellings, daily, within their phonics sessions in school. Children who are secure in their phonetic knowledge will complete a daily Read Write Inc. spelling session in school. Children will be given a Spelling Log Book and Practise Book to support their learning of new vocabulary at home. More information will be provided to parents and carers when children are ready to begin this work.</p>	<p>My Maths Every week, children will be assigned online homework tasks which will consolidate learning that has taken place in school. Children will answer interactive questions and teacher’s will track their progress. <u>We expect all children to complete their weekly assigned task.</u></p>



Lumley Junior School

Guide to Lower Key Stage Two Homework (Y3 and Y4)

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 use a smiley face symbol to show how much they enjoyed the book. Adults should 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.

Y3B	Friday
Y3H	Wednesday
Y4W	Wednesday
Y4Y	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 a 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 in their spelling practice book.

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 ten 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 a 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. On alternate weeks, children will be allocated a maths task using www.mymaths.co.uk or 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. Children have their own personal usernames and passwords, which were previously sent home. If they have forgotten any passwords please let their class teacher know so we can provide those again.



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

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.