



At Claypool everyone is valued, inspired and nurtured on their individual journey of success.

Homework Policy

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Purpose

The purpose of homework activities at Claypool is to actively involve parents as partners in their children's education. Supporting children's learning by listening and encouraging them to talk about their school day, reinforces the teaching that goes on in school time.

Home learning opportunities (see appendix for our complete home learning offer)

- We expect all children, from Foundation Class to Year 6, to read little and often i.e. every evening, either aloud to an adult, or privately. This obviously depends on the age and ability of the children concerned.
- KS2 children have a reading journal to support home reading activities. In the front of the journal are suggested tasks that the children can choose from.
- From Year 1 to Year 5 children are given the option to complete Home Learning Challenges – these are designed to be completed either individually or with support from the family.
- Children know that there are lists of words that they are expected to be able to read, write and spell correctly. They take home activities related to these word lists as appropriate to their age and ability.
- We expect families to reinforce number bonds and multiplication tables, as appropriate.
- Other curriculum related tasks may be set by different staff at different times depending on the needs of the individual or to support current class topics.
- Each half term staff send home curriculum information letters to inform families of the topics that their children will be covering over the half term. With this information families can further support our work in school by doing all the things we can't fit in. For example visiting places of interest linked to the area of study, internet research, library visits, museum and art gallery visits etc.
- KS2 children have access to Century Tech, an online Artificial Intelligence system, pitched at each individual child's level in English, Mathematics and Science.
- Children in Year 6 will receive a piece of homework each week linked to either English, mathematics or science – this will be to either consolidate previous learning or practise present learning.
- All children have access to a number of online learning platforms to further enhance the home learning offer in school.

At Claypool, we recognise that children also need time to do the wealth of other activities that make them rounded individuals like sports and creative activities, visiting family and friends, playing, attending uniformed organisations, religious activities and, most importantly, relaxing. We ask that parents see homework tasks in the context of wider family life and support their children in all their learning experiences. We operate weekly drop-in sessions to give parents and teachers time to discuss issues related to any aspect of children's learning.

Appendix

Homework offer across school

Foundation	Years 1 and 2	
<u>Daily</u> • Reading <u>Weekly</u> • Phonics practise	<u>Daily</u> • Reading <u>Weekly</u> • Spellings to learn • Knowledge Organiser – weekly section to learn at home in preparation for the learning in school <u>Half termly</u> • Home Learning Challenge <u>Access to:</u> • Purple Mash activities • Numbots • Rising Stars reading	
Years 3, 4 and 5		
<u>Daily</u> • Reading <u>Weekly</u> • Spellings to learn • Knowledge Organiser – weekly section to learn at home in preparation for the learning in school • My Maths sheet completed in school, so that errors can be worked on at home <u>Half termly</u> • Home Learning Challenge	<u>Access to:</u> • Purple Mash activities • TT Rockstars • Rising Stars reading • Century Tech Learning Journey - English, Maths and Science learning nuggets • Spelling Shed	
Year 6		
<u>Daily</u> • Reading <u>Weekly</u> • Spellings to learn • Knowledge Organiser – weekly section to learn at home in preparation for the learning in school • My Maths sheet completed in school, so that errors can be worked on at home • English, Mathematics or Science piece of learning	<u>Access to:</u> • Purple Mash activities • TT Rockstars • Rising Stars reading • Century Tech Learning Journey - English, Maths and Science learning nuggets • Spelling Shed	