

Deans Homework Policy



Dear Parent/Carer

In response to a number of parents/carers who are asking for a consistent school approach to homework, please see our proposed new homework policy. As always, one of the best things you can do with your child is read with them on a daily basis. The activities below, if they were also regularly practised at home, would make a huge difference to our pupils' confidence and attainment in these areas. We understand lives are busy but a short amount of time throughout the week to work on these things would make a huge difference!

We must ask for all reading books to be put into school bags on a daily basis. These books will be used in class as well as at home. I have asked teachers to take a note of who isn't returning books as we may also have to charge for lost books as we do not have budget to replace them. Please support your child to be responsible with their reading books and homework.

Every pupil will be provided with the following:

What Homework?	When?	How do we support our children with this?
Reading - every child in P1 to P5 will be provided with their group reading booking and Fry's High Frequency Words Think Aloud Card for Parents/carers to support questioning	Given out each Tuesday for completion by the following Monday Fry's Words – 100 words will be given out for you to practise with your child between now and the Christmas holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Read with your child every night from their book ✓ Ask questions from the Think Aloud Card ✓ Go over the Fry's Words with your child and ensure they can read them. Keep practising, even if they are reading them confidently to ensure that they are able to automatically read these words.
Reading – every child in P6 and P7 will be provided with a reading for enjoyment book, which they have chosen from the class library. If appropriate, your child will also be given a set of Fry's Words to practise	Chosen by the children as and when they need a new book Fry's Words – 100 words will be given out for you to practise with your child between now and the Christmas holidays (if your child is still working through these)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Read with your child from their book of choice ✓ Ask questions from the Think Aloud Card ✓ Go over the Fry's Words with your child and ensure they can read them. Keep practising, even if they are reading them confidently to ensure that they are able to automatically read these words.
Spelling	Spelling List given out each Tuesday with words the children will be practising in class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Use the activity sheets given alongside this sheet to help your child practise words. Use spelling games in the car, over dinner or when walking to school to revise these words so your child is gaining in confidence.

Mental Maths	Your child's progression will be given out on Tuesday and this should be used for the remainder of the term focusing on the questions in the August – December column	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Use the examples from the progression to have fun with maths! Use the maths question examples and make up some of your own in the car, over dinner or when walking to school. Revise the key questions your child will be working on. Try different combinations of numbers to support your child's mental maths.
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We really appreciate your support with these activities. If you have any questions around them, you can ask them at our Parents/Carers Session which is coming up in the next few weeks.

Learning does not need to be submitted to your child's class teacher but children can upload to their Team or Seesaw if they wish. If you have any difficulty with this, Mrs. Buntin will be available to support at our Parents/Carers Session in a few weeks.

We look forward to seeing how our children continue to make great progress in their learning over the next few weeks and months.

Mrs Stewart