

### How does the homework set prepare pupils for work to come?

Providing pupils with the opportunity to build on, consolidate and develop basic maths and literacy skills. These skills practised regularly at home prepare students as they are able to apply those skills across a wide range of curriculum subjects (research in history, written reports in geography, measuring and calculating in science investigations).

Often homework may take the form of research where pupils have the opportunity to independently research and find out about a new curriculum theme. What they learn will enrich further work in the classroom as will the self-management skills needed to organise and complete their homework.

Pupils are expected to complete homework and return it by a given date. This provides them with the opportunity to organise their time and work to a deadline.

Please find below a list of websites with a range of engaging and educational activities and games which may support your child's learning at home.

[BBC Spellits](#) (Spelling games) (KS2)

[BBC Bitesize](#) (Spelling and grammar) (KS2)

[Academic Skill Builders](#) (Literacy and maths games) (KS1 & KS2)

[Crickweb](#) (Literacy and maths educational games) (KS2)

[Kids Spell](#) (Create your own spelling lists & games) (KS1 & KS2)

[Fun Brain](#) (Maths, reading and spelling games) (KS1 & KS2)

[Learning Games for Kids](#) (Spelling and word games) (KS1 & KS2)

[Eduplace.com](#) (Levelled spelling and vocabulary games) (KS1 & KS2)

[PrimaryGames.com](#) (Spelling rules, incl. vowels, blends, plurals etc) (KS1 & KS2)

[ICT Games.com](#) (Look, cover, check game) (KS1 & KS2)

[Manythings.org](#) (Aimed at ESL students but includes useful spelling & vocabulary games) (KS2)

[Spelling city](#) (Vocabulary and spelling interactive activities, printable worksheets, games) (KS2)

[BBC Primary History Site](#) Fun activities and information on a range of history topics

If you are unable to access the internet at home please speak to your child's class teacher about alternative arrangements



## Wombwell Park Street

### Primary School

## A Guide to Homework in

### TEAM LG



**Ofsted definition of outstanding homework:** Teachers set challenging homework, in line with the school's policy and as appropriate for the age and stage of pupils, that consolidates learning, deepens understanding and prepares pupils very well for work to come.

### Parents/carers can support with homework by:

- Providing a suitable place for your child to carry out their homework.
- Give encouragement and praise when your child completes their homework
- Talk to your child about their homework and offer support but encourage independence where appropriate.
- Checking times tables knowledge or spellings. It is amazing how regular 5 minute checks in the car, walking to school, after tea etc. can pay off.
- Reading and trying out the ideas contained in the 'Reading Guide for Parents' booklet.
- See the learning in everyday life: measuring when baking, asking children to tell the time, identify and explore everyday text types magazines, leaflets, advertising posters etc.
- Encourage children to ask questions and support them in finding the answers.



## Homework tasks and challenges in Team LG may

include:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Further details</u>
Spellings	Daily	Short daily practice at home. Chance for pupils to learn spellings and prepare for weekly spelling test.
Reading	Daily	Pupils to read daily this could include: their school reading book, a book from the library, a book from home. Encouraging pupils to read other forms of writing including: comics, newsreports, brochures, instructions, recipe etc.
Maths	Weekly	Weekly maths homework to enable pupils to consolidate their learning and build on their existing skills. At times this also includes revision of times tables/division facts.
Literacy	Weekly	Weekly literacy homework to enable pupils to consolidate their learning and build on their existing skills. This at times also has links to the class topic for the term.
PLT homework challenge	Half termly	Each half term, pupils bring home a PLT homework challenge. Opportunity to reflect on and develop a particular PLT (creative thinking, independent enquiry, effective participation, self-management, teamwork or reflective thinking). Activities may be creative, artistic, research based or have an ICT focus. Challenges are often linked to key events such as E-Safety day, Anti-bullying week or annual festivals and celebrations.
Homework task linking to the class curriculum theme/ topic	When appropriate	Each half term pupils bring home a task linked to the curriculum theme the class are working on (sometimes with a Literacy focus). Tasks may be more open-ended. Pupils are enabled to think creatively about how to organise and present their learning. The homework may be set at the start of a topic and children will have the opportunity to do some independent research. Homework could also involve creating something linking to the curriculum theme (e.g. Shoebox habitats).

### How is the homework set made challenging?

**Spellings** are personalised and differentiated to challenge all abilities. Pupils have aspirational spelling targets, which they work towards each week. **Maths** homework tasks (differentiated where appropriate) allow pupils not only to consolidate objectives covered during the week but also provide opportunities for problem solving and investigation building resilience, strategy and perseverance. **Literacy** tasks again (differentiated where appropriate) consolidate skills taught in class but also allow pupils to develop knowledge and understanding further through independent study and enquiry. Age appropriate texts are given when the focus is on reading. Children are given the opportunity to build independence and resilience. **Reading** daily is essential. A variety of challenging reading material is provided in order to build vocabulary and familiarity with text features and content. Children are encouraged to take home books from the school library/class reading area that is of interest and appropriate for their reading ability. Half-termly **curriculum** homework and **PLT** challenges provide pupils with the opportunity to develop research and enquiry skills and find out new things. Pupils are often encouraged to work creatively and produce artistic pieces or apply ICT skills for research and presentation. Pupils are given the opportunity to share their learning through presenting to peers and grown-ups. Each half term pupils' have the opportunity to reflect on and develop a different PLT. These tasks provide pupils with creative, social, personal and academic challenges.

### How do you ensure homework is appropriate for the age or stage of the pupil?

Homework is differentiated when appropriate to ensure that it has an appropriate level of challenge. The needs and abilities of each child will be taken into consideration and homework is then adapted accordingly.

### How do you ensure pupils have the opportunity to consolidate their learning and also deepen understanding?

Homework set in literacy and maths will consolidate learning which has taken place in lessons. In order to deepen understanding pupils may be required to apply their skills to problems solving – further developing basic skills, independence and resilience. Pupils may be asked to carry out some independent research in order to improve knowledge on a subject or deepen understanding. Pupils will be given opportunity to apply weekly spellings/phonics and times tables skills through written tasks or problem solving.