

Charles Dickens Primary School
Home learning Policy 2019 – 2020

Homework is an important part of building positive habits towards learning, as well as consolidating and extending learning. You have an important role in supporting and encouraging your child to engage in homework that will allow them to flourish.

Early Years (Reception classes)

Frequency	Type	Notes	Check
Daily (10 minutes)	Reading (including phonics)	<p>Reading is an important homework activity that a child can do. There are three types of reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning sounds (phonics) and practising blending them in words • You reading to your child • Your child reading to you (once phonic sounds are secure) <p>Over the course of the week, you should be engaging in all the three types of reading. Just 10 minutes a day adds up to over 60 hours of reading a year.</p> <p>There are a wide range of picture books in the school library, which you are welcome to borrow.</p>	<p>Phonics pack – children are given ‘phonics’ sounds to practice saying and, when secure, words to blend the sounds together</p> <p>School Planner – please record your child’s reading in their planner each day.</p>
Weekly	Handwriting and letter formation	<p>Over the course of the week, children will be given handwriting sheets linked to the phonics they have learnt.</p> <p>Practise writing the letters on the sheets correctly using the guides</p>	<p>School Planner</p> <p>Completed sheets can be placed in the school planner or you can write a note to let the teacher know how your child is getting on.</p> <p>All practice will receive praise and encouragement from the teachers.</p>

Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)

We have the following expectations of Key Stage One homework.

Frequency	Type	Notes	Check
Daily (10 minutes)	Reading (including phonics)	<p>Reading is an important homework activity that a child can do. There are three types of reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning phonic sounds and practising blending them in words • You reading to your child • Your child reading to you (once phonic sounds are secure) <p>Over the course of the week, you should be engaging in all the three types of learning. Just 10 minutes a day adds up to over 60 hours of reading a year.</p> <p>Each term, Year 2 children are set a reading passport of books to encourage them to read a wide and rich selection of books. These are available in the school library. There is more information on this in your child's school planner.</p>	<p>Phonics pack – children are given 'phonics' sounds to practice saying and, when secure, words to blend the sounds together – phonics sound practice continues into Year 1 and 2 until all the sounds are known by your child</p> <p>Planner - You, or your child, should record the page numbers and write one sentence in their reading record</p> <p>The reading record should be checked and signed by parents each day.</p>
Daily (10 mins)	Times Tables (Year 2 only)	<p>Rapid recall of times tables makes maths learning much easier for children, as all of their brain power can focus on problem solving.</p> <p>The government requires all children to know their times tables by the end of year 4. This is checked by an online test.</p>	<p>Times Tables Rockstars</p> <p>Your child should use TTRS to practise for a few minutes each day</p> <p>Teachers will check TTRS accounts</p>
Weekly (max 30 mins or 5 mins per day)	Spellings (Year 1 and 2 only)	<p>Pupils will learn a new spelling rule, pattern etc each week</p> <p>Year 1: the focus is on phonics and high frequency words</p> <p>Year 2: children will bring home a list of words that use a rule, and should practise them using look, say (the sounds/letters), cover, write and check technique</p> <p>Year 2 children also have activities to practice the spellings online using Spellzone</p>	<p>Weekly spelling test</p> <p>Help your child write and spell each word</p> <p>Children will be tested each week (Year 2 only)</p>
Weekly (max 30 mins)	Maths (year 1 and 2 only)	<p>Each week pupils will be set:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Practise – linked to the week's learning 2. Fluency: building speed in basic arithmetic 3. Problem solving task to build conceptual depth 	<p>Maths online homework</p> <p>Mymaths is checked each week by teachers</p>

Key Stage Two (Years three to six)

We have the following expectations of Key Stage Two homework.

Frequency	Type	Notes	Check
Daily (20 minutes)	Reading	<p>Reading is an important homework activity that a child can do. There are three types of reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You reading to your child• Your child reading to you• Your child reading independently <p>Over the course of the week, your child should be engaging in all the three types of learning. Just 20 minutes a day adds up to over 120 hours of reading a year.</p> <p>Each term, children are set a reading passport of books to encourage them to read a wide and rich selection of books. These books are available in the library and more information on these in your child's planner.</p>	<p>School Planner</p> <p>Your child should record the page numbers and write one sentence in their planner</p> <p>This should be checked by parents each day.</p>
Daily (5 mins)	Times tables	<p>Rapid recall of timetables makes maths learning much easier for children, as all of their brain power can focus on problem solving.</p> <p>The government requires all children to know their times tables by the end of year 4. This is checked by an online test.</p>	<p>Times Tables Rockstars</p> <p>Your child should use TTRS to practise for a few minutes each day</p> <p>Teachers will check TTRS accounts</p>
Weekly (max 30 mins or 5 mins per day)	Spellings	<p>Pupils will learn a new spelling rule, pattern etc each week</p> <p>They will bring home a list with words that use this rule, and should practise them using look, say (the sounds/letters), cover, write and check technique</p> <p>Children also have activities to practise the spellings online using Spellzone</p>	<p>Weekly spelling test</p> <p>Help your child write and spell each word</p> <p>Children will be tested each week (Year 2 only)</p>
Weekly (max 30 mins)	Maths	<p>Each week pupils will be set:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Review – linked to the week's learning2. Fluency: building speed in basic arithmetic3. Problem-solving task to build conceptual depth	<p>Maths online homework</p> <p>My maths is checked each week by teachers on Wednesday</p>

Optional Homework

Every bit of practise will help. These tasks are not compulsory but if your child chooses to complete them, we will celebrate them in class

Daily	Self-Quizzing	For topics in the wider curriculum (history, geography, science), we provide a knowledge organiser which lists the key facts that all children should remember. Pupils should use these knowledge organisers to self-quiz regularly.	Informally checked through quizzes in lessons
Daily	Mymaths	All children have a Mymaths account which gives them the chance to practice common maths problems linked to what they are learning in class - new questions are generated each time the children complete an exercise.	Mymaths is checked weekly by teachers and additional practise is celebrated
Weekly	Writing	Your child can practise the writing skills and text type that they are learning about in class. Check the curriculum overview for the list of books and text types for each term. Writing stories, diaries, reports, lists, poems etc linked to family experiences or personal interests are also very welcome.	Your child can bring in this writing to be celebrated and displayed in school.