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Homework Guidance: Key Stage 1

How do homework challenges enhance learning at Harlands?

At Harlands, we provide children with homework challenges for a number of reasons:

- ❖ to provide **enrichment** opportunities that allow children to further their learning outside of the school environment
- ❖ to **reinforce** knowledge, skills and techniques, which have been developed during their time in school (repetition and a feeling of success are key factors in developing children's self-confidence)
- ❖ to help children **prepare** for future learning (this is particularly important when children are revisiting a topic or embarking on a totally new area)

What type of challenges may my child be set for homework?

For the academic year 2023-2024, homework will be sent home for children to complete in an exercise book.

In Year 1, homework will be set in a homework book and normally comprises of the following:

- ❖ a weekly challenge to reinforce learning covered in class across the curriculum
- ❖ weekly Whizz Word practise
- ❖ daily reading to an adult

In Year 2, homework will be set on Google Classroom and normally comprises of the following:

- ❖ a weekly maths tasks consolidating their learning in class – this might be via another online platform such as Sumdog or MyMaths (individual usernames and passwords will be sent home to access these)
- ❖ a weekly literacy task: either sentence work, a spelling challenge or a reading comprehension – again this might be via Sumdog
- ❖ weekly rehearsal of the key spellings and phonics patterns
- ❖ daily reading to an adult
- ❖ regular practise of their multiplication tables and table-related facts, specifically focussing on the 2x, 5x and 10x tables.

(NB: If children do not have access to a computer, parents should speak to class teachers so that work can be sent home in paper form instead)



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When will my child be given homework? When should it be handed in? How long should my child spend on their homework?

The table below outlines some key details relating to homework in Year 1 and Year 2. We recommend that your child works on their tasks in regular manageable chunks rather than trying to complete it all at once. If you feel your child has spent long enough on a task, but has not completed it, please indicate this by writing a short message alongside their work or by getting in contact with your child's teacher.

If your child has been unable to complete their weekly homework challenges due to unforeseen circumstances, please alert their teacher so that arrangements can be made for them to complete the tasks as soon as possible.

YEAR GROUP	HOMEWORK SET	HOMEWORK TO BE RETURNED	SUGGESTED TIME TO BE SPENT ON HOMEWORK
1	Friday	Wednesday	Up to 30 minutes*
2	Wednesday	Monday	Up to 30 minutes**

*Regular **reading** practice should be completed **in addition** to weekly homework challenges.

Regular **spelling, reading and **times-tables** practice should be completed **in addition** to weekly homework challenges.

How can I best support my child with their homework in Key Stage 1?

Creating a calm and supportive environment in which your child can complete their homework is extremely important; arranging a regular routine would also be beneficial.

In Key Stage 1, we feel it is important that children are supported with their homework challenges to enable them to prepare for and/or embed their learning. The skills your child is learning at this stage of their development are essential for their future education so any misconceptions need to be addressed quickly. For this reason, please let your child's teacher know if they have experienced any specific difficulties.

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