



Langton Primary School

Homework Policy

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At Langton, we believe in developing a pupil's love of learning. Our homework policy aims to develop a pupil's curiosity in the wider world, but at the same time develop those core skills that children need to succeed at the next stage of their development. We therefore set a range of homework.

Our homework follows a four week cycle:

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| Week 1 | Maths |
| Week 2 | English |
| Weeks 3 & 4 | Challenge/Topic |

For children in Class 3, both Maths and English homework will be given during weeks 1 and 2.

Maths

Our homework relates to what the children have been learning in class. The homework set will give children the chance to consolidate their classwork or provide an opportunity for pre-learning before a new topic. It will either be completed online, using the Abacus or My Maths systems, or in their homework books. Children will be given passwords to enable them to access these sites at home.

English

Tasks will be set to practise or consolidate class work. As part of English work, children might receive grammar or sentence homework, or be given the opportunity to complete a longer piece of writing. Children are expected to maintain a high standard of presentation in their handwriting.

Reading and Spelling

Pupils are encouraged to read daily and parents requested to initial and comment in pupils' reading record books. Spellings are given out weekly with children completing spelling tests in school the following week.

Challenge/Topic homework

This is a task that is set over a two week period. Class teachers set a theme linked to the current topic. The children then have a couple of weeks to complete this challenge. The children are encouraged to present their homework creatively in different ways dependent on the task set (e.g. a poster, a poem, story, picture or cartoon). Following the two week period, the homework is collected by the class teacher and marked using the specific mark slip. Parents and children are also encouraged to make comments on the task.

Homework is part of the curriculum and needs to be completed to an acceptable standard in order to make it a worthwhile activity. Children are more than welcome to join the afterschool Homework Club, or ask to use the school computers during the school day if necessary. Children who do not complete tasks set at home will be asked to do so during break or lunchtime. Rewards will be given for those pupils who complete their homework to the best of their ability.