

Enderby Danemill Home Learning Policy



Danemill
Primary School

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This policy has been written following consultation with parents, children and colleagues of the school.

Definition

Home learning refers to any work or activities which pupils are asked to do outside lesson time, either on their own or with parents or carers. It refers not merely to formal exercises but includes such activities as reading with, or being read to by, parents and carers. Mathematics may include number games and practical weighing, measuring and counting activities.

At Enderby Danemill Primary School, we believe that home learning can add much to a pupil's development and attainment and is therefore an important part of a child's education.

Aims of the policy

Through implementation of this policy, we aim to:

- Give pupils the opportunity to extend their learning
- Ensure a consistent approach throughout the school
- Encourage children to develop the confidence, independence, self-discipline and motivation needed to study on their own and prepare them for the next phase of education
- Make home learning clear to children, parents and other carers
- Provide opportunities for parents and children to work together, thereby, fostering an effective partnership between home and school

Format of homework

Each week, on Microsoft Teams, class teachers will assign homework for: Maths, English and Spelling.

Within the parents' survey, it was found that 20 minutes for these subjects was most desired.

App-based learning can complement teacher set homework should your child want to fulfil the recommended homework time suggested by the DfE (as seen below).

EYFS	1 hour
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)	1 hour and 15 minutes
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)	1 hour and 30 minutes
Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6)	2 hours
(Homework: Guidelines for school DfES)	

Enderby Danemill is aware that it is important after a full and challenging day at school that a period of relaxation and recreation is vital for pupils' personal, social, spiritual and physical development. In view of this, it is important for teachers, pupils, parents and carers to appreciate that these are average figures and do not reflect the variation which may occur from day to day or week to week.

We are also aware that there are challenges/barriers to learning as well as weekly schedules. As a result homework at Enderby Danemill is non-compulsory - the suggestions below are a guide should your child want to complete their weekly home learning.

Our recommendations for a week's homework

Year Groups	Homework suggestions	Timetables to practice
EYFS	Teacher assigned homework Reading of reading books Practicing phonics sounds Numbots	N/A
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)	Teacher assigned homework Reading of reading books Practicing phonics sounds Numbots Timestable Rockstars Century (Year 2 only)	2, 5, 10 and 3 (Year 2 only)
Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)	Teacher assigned homework Reading of reading books Numbots Timestable Rockstars Century	2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 2 – 12 timetables for Year 4
Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6)	Teacher assigned homework Reading of reading books Numbots Timestable Rockstars Century	2 – 12 timetables

How you can help your child with their home learning

Below is a list of ways that you, as a parent, can show your child that you value their home learning and the time and effort spent completing it.

You can show you value your child's homework by:

- providing a suitable place in which your child can do their home learning, preferably with an adult to discuss, encourage and support
- making it clear to your child that you value home learning and support the school in explaining how it can help learning
- encouraging your child and praising them when they have completed work set

Additionally, you can support your child's development by:

- visits to libraries, museums etc.
- cooking with them
- taking your child swimming
- playing games, e.g. board games, cards, ball games
- watching informative TV programmes together
- providing opportunities for craft activities, e.g. cutting, sticking, sewing, painting etc.
- gardening and growing plants
- using the internet to research something with your child (following guidelines for safe internet use)
- talking to your child about schoolwork, their day, what they have been learning about and how they have been learning

Remember: Home learning is about reinforcing, practicing and confidence building...