



Homework Policy

Rational

At the Lyceum, we believe that homework is for the following:

- To help children to develop the habit of working at home
- To encourage children to be self-reliant in organising their work
- To involve parents in their children's learning
- To reinforce or revise work done in school

Homework is not intended to:

- Be an onerous chore or interfere with family life
- Cover aspects of the curriculum not already taught in school
- Be a punishment

Homework Diaries

The homework diary is a form of communication between parents and teachers. Teachers want to know if a child finds a homework task difficult, or takes a long time to complete it. If homework is taking too long, or if the child does not understand, parents are encouraged to stop the activity and let the teacher know.

Incomplete Homework

No child will be reprimanded for very occasionally not completing homework. However, in Key Stage 2 there is an expectation that homework will usually be finished on time.

Homework in Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

In The Early Years and in Key Stage 1, homework consists only of reading and simple learning activities. Parents are encouraged to use the Reading Records to write comments related to their child's progress and their enjoyment of reading.

Homework in Key Stage 2

In Years 3, 4 and 5, the amount of homework gradually increases, often consisting of written work, maths, spelling and times tables. Some aspects of topic research may be introduced. Pupils in Key Stage 2 should read at least five days a week and either they or their parents should write in their homework diaries.

Homework in Year 6

In the first term of Year 6, the amount increases significantly as the children prepare for secondary transfer exams. For this term, the children receive Maths 3 times per week;

English most nights; and at least one Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning exercise per week. Topic work is geared to develop or practise skills needed for the 11+ examinations.

For the remainder of Year 6, homework is used to develop research skills, and gradually becomes more open-ended. Work which requires longer responses, working over a longer period of time is regularly set, in order to develop the skills needed for secondary school. There will be word-processing and internet research, and children should continue to read daily.

Music Homework

Music is a very important part of learning at of The Lyceum. All pupils learn the recorder from Year 2 onwards, and most children play other instruments. Instrumental practise is considered as important as all other types of homework.

Homework Club

The school has a homework club which runs from 5.00pm until 5.45pm. Children who remain for the club still take their work home for parents to see. As the children get older, homework club may not be long enough for all tasks to be completed.

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