

Our Children Today, Our Future Tomorrow



Cranbrook
Primary School

Homework at Cranbrook Primary School

Our aim at Cranbrook Primary School is to enhance the quality of our children's education. Well-organised homework can play a vital role in raising standards of achievement in pupils of all ages. We want to be sure all pupils are given and carry out homework that will support and complement the work they do at school.

How will the homework help my child?

- ✓ It will reinforce concepts taught in school.
- ✓ Help them to practise skills and develop techniques.
- ✓ Encourage them to think independently.
- ✓ Develop speaking and listening by presenting their homework to their class.
- ✓ Improve research skills.

What subjects do the children do for their homework?

There will be regular Maths, English and Spelling tasks. Children should also be encouraged to read daily with an adult who can ask a variety of questions about the text (see sample questions overleaf).

Projects

Projects will be given on an ongoing basis. The children will present this to the rest of the class throughout the unit. The projects are important part of their homework as it enables the children to plan, research, implement and evaluate their work. They are a great opportunity for children and parents to work together on a piece of work to go alongside the children's creative curriculum at school. It is also very good preparation for moving onto secondary school and in building children's confidence.

Early Years Homework

In early years (Nursery and Reception) the main emphasis is on reading and sharing books together. Parents are encouraged to develop their child's speaking and listening skills by asking them about their day and engaging in regular conversations with them. Occasionally songs, rhymes, keywords and sounds may also be sent home for the children to practise.

Online learning

Each child will have a spag.com, rmeasimaths.com and an educationcity.com password. Here they will be able to access a variety of fun activities which are linked to their learning in class. Teachers can check how often each child has engaged in these and monitor their progress

How much time should my child spend on their homework?

Reception-5-10 Minutes reading a day and to practise any rhyme, song or key vocabulary that is sent home.

Year 1- 10 Minutes reading a day and half an hour a week on the other subjects.

Year 2- 15 Minutes reading a day and half an hour a week on the other subjects.

Year 3-15 Minutes reading a day and 45 minutes a week on the other subjects.

Year 4-20 Minutes reading a day and 1 hour a week on the other subjects.

Year 5-25 Minutes reading a day and 1 hour a week on the other subjects.

Year 6-30 Minutes reading a day and 1 hour and a half a week on the other subjects.



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Term Plan

Subject	
Maths	Maths homework will be a consolidation of the week's lessons. Please ensure the children show their working out and follow the method given. Please refer to our website for the Redbridge Calculation policy.
English	English homework will consist of one piece of writing per week (year 1 alternate weeks) and a list of spellings to learn for a weekly test. Please see our website for definition of grammatical terminology.
Ongoing Project	Projects will be disseminated either termly or half-termly and will be linked to History, Geography and Science.

How can parents help?

- ✓ By supporting the school by ensuring that their child attempts the homework.
- ✓ By providing a suitable place for their child to carry out their homework.
- ✓ By encouraging and praising their child when they have completed their homework.
- ✓ By becoming actively involved and supporting their child with homework activities if they need it.
- ✓ By engaging with the school website so that they are aware of their child's targets for the year and that they keep abreast with important documents and policies.

Reading with your child at home

Talking about the book and asking questions are very important and help your child build their crucial comprehension skills. Open-ended questions are very good-ones where your child can't give a very short answer. Here are some examples:

What's the genre of this book? How do you know?	If you were the main character, would you.....?
Why do you think the author....?	What's the moral of the story?
If it wasn't called....what would be a good name?	Why do you think...? How could you tell that...?
How has this book inspired you?	If you could ask the author a question, what would you say? Why?
How would you feel if this happened to you?	Did it finish as you expected? Why?
If you changed the story, what would you as/take away?	Was there anything that puzzled you? Why?
Who's your favourite character and why?	Which parts of the story are most memorable? Why?
Would you recommend it to a friend? What would you tell them without giving anything away?	Which parts of this book seemed realistic/unrealistic? Why?



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