

Dulwich Hamlet Junior School

## Homework Policy



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*Outstanding learning, within a glittering curriculum, where everyone matters.*

*Respect, Integrity, Resilience and Enjoyment*

- Homework is an important part of building positive habits towards learning, as well as consolidating and extending learning
- Parents and carers have an important role in supporting and encouraging their child to engage in homework that will allow them to flourish
- The child’s class teacher is the first point of contact to provide extra guidance and support

Frequency	Type	Notes	Check
<b>Daily</b> <b>(10-15 minutes)</b>	Reading	Reading is the most important homework activity. There are 3 types of reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You reading to your child</li> <li>• Your child reading to you</li> <li>• Your child reading independently</li> </ul>	<b>Reading Record</b>  Your child should record the page numbers and write one sentence in their reading record. (3x comments per week)  This should be checked and signed by parent/carer minimum once per week.
<b>3 times per Week</b>	Times Tables	Rapid recall of times table makes maths learning much easier for children, as all of their brain power can focus on problem solving.	<b>Times Tables Rockstars</b>  Short, regular practices on the website.  Download the <b>Doodle Tables</b> app as an alternative for children who find the timed element of TTRS too challenging at first.
<b>3 times per Week</b>	Maths	Continual practice of key mathematical skills ensure that this knowledge remains current.	<b>Doodle Maths</b>  Practice on the app as much as possible using the ‘x-a-day’. The algorithm ‘learns’ the best level for your child.  Your child’s teacher will check each week.
<b>Weekly</b>	Spellings	Pupils will learn a new spelling rule or sound each week. The word lists are sent home at the start of each half term. Practise words, from <i>this week</i> , <i>last week</i> and <i>last term</i> to ensure children are memorising effectively.	Quizzes in class will help children to memorise their spellings. There will be no formal spelling tests.  Y3/4 are set weekly spelling tasks via their Google Classroom assignments
<b>Weekly</b> <b>(Y5/6 Only)</b>	Maths and English (Y5 one task per week, alternating subjects)	Children should begin to take responsibility for completing and submitting homework on time in preparation for secondary school.	These assignments are set on Google Classroom, with clear timeframes set by the year group for completion. Children are usually given a week to turn in their work.
<b>Weekly</b>	Music	Any child who learns a musical instrument should be practising regularly in-between their music lessons to ensure progress is made sufficiently quickly.	Peripatetic Music Teachers will expect children to have practised the pieces set in the previous lesson. Little and often is best. Minimum 3x 10 minutes per week. Daily if your child is working towards an exam.

### ADDITIONAL HOMEWORK OPTIONS

<b>Daily</b>	Self-Quizzing	Use the knowledge organisers on the website to memorise key facts. Pupils could create flashcards to help them with their quizzing.	Check in with topics from <i>last week, last term and last year</i> .
<b>Half-termly</b>	Optional Curriculum Link	On the half-termly learning letters you will find ideas for activities to do at home.	Opportunities are provided for children to share any optional home learning with their class, if this is something they would like to do.

### HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY TOPICS

*Details will be sent out with further instructions, guidance and deadlines*

<b>Once per Year</b>	History Geography	<p>This is a great opportunity for pupils to extend themselves and develop their knowledge and interest for a curriculum area.</p> <p>The projects should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be completed by the child as far as possible</li> <li>Be presented neatly</li> <li>Be two-dimensional</li> </ul>	<p>These will be displayed on the walls in shared spaces for the whole school community to see.</p> <p>You will be invited to come in and celebrate the children's learning outcomes.</p>
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<b>Y3</b>	Ancient Greece	Summer Term
<b>Y4</b>	India	Summer Term
<b>Y5</b>	Africa	Spring Term
<b>Y6</b>	Britain at War	Autumn Term

### Handwriting

Please encourage your child to correctly form the letters as per our handwriting scheme:

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii

Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr

Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz