



Home learning at Wallacestone Primary School Primary 1

Following consultation with staff, parents and pupils, we have decided to **trial** a new format for homework this year. It will be called home learning, rather than homework. We would like our home learning policy to be consistent across the school and to reflect the fact that we are looking at a holistic approach to your child's learning. We aim to make learning relevant and meaningful while covering the four capacities – successful learners, responsible citizens, effective contributors and confident individuals. Each child at Wallacestone Primary School is an individual and different children have different learning styles therefore personalisation and choice is important. The health and well-being of our children is paramount and we would like the application of skills and knowledge in school to be extended into family life.

- **Home Learning for jolly phonics, common words and word making will be issued (within a folder) for the first time on Friday 20th September.**
- **Home Learning for reading will be issued for the first time (within the same folder) on Friday 27th September.**
- **Home Learning for maths, learn its will be issued when your child is ready, later in the year.**

It is expected that all children in Primary 1 will:

- Complete their weekly home learning activities for jolly phonics, common words and word making. Lists of strategies that the children can use to learn their jolly phonics and common words will be sent home and children can choose which strategies to use.
- Bring their reading folders to school every day. (These will be kept in school on a Thursday night and reissued every Friday).
- Complete their weekly reading so that it can be followed up in class with comprehension activities. Children will be asked to practise reading the character names Kipper, Floppy, Biff, Chip, Mum and Dad.

Our school website currently has a section for ideas of activities that the children can do at home linked to their reading. We plan to update our website throughout the year.

Options and choices for further learning:

- There will be a grid on the back of each termly curricular leaflet with further activities linked to class work that your child may like to complete. These can be completed in any order and at any time throughout the term. New elements of this include family tasks and a focus on skills development. We know and appreciate the value of family tasks in a pupil's development and want to encourage these as much as possible.

We encourage parents/carers to sign the children's booklets and reading records and add a comment if appropriate. Photographs of the children's home learning can also be tweeted to the class twitter. Most home learning feedback will be given orally however at times pupils and teachers may provide a written comment. Pupils are encouraged to critique their own learning as this forms part of a wide range of assessment methods used throughout the year by the teacher.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher for more information if you require further clarification.