



Garstang Community Primary School

Homework

Reading

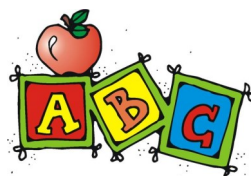
Reading is the key to your child's success, now and in the later years! Think about how much you rely on reading, everyday, as an adult! Ideally your child should be reading every day, whether it is their school reading book, or one of their own. We know how busy everyone's lives are and it would be difficult to listen to them read every night. Please ensure that you listen to them and sign their reading diaries, at the very least, 3 times a week. Even fluent readers in Year 6 should be listened to regularly, and plot, character, predictions etc., discussed with them. Reading list ideas can be found at:



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/booklists/>

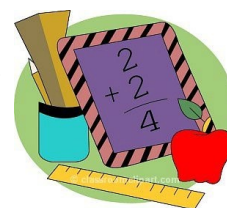
Spelling

Children learn to spell best when they internalise their spellings by repeated practise, rather than learning by rote for a test. Often children can spell a word, but just find parts of the word tricky, and it is this part that needs to be practised. All children will have a spelling journal, and will be given 5 spellings per week to practise. The children are well trained in the different ways in which they can present their spelling homework, such as Look, say, cover, write, check, drawing around the word to show the shape, cutting letters form magazines, pyramid writing... the list goes on! We shall be showcasing great examples of spelling homework each week on our social media pages.



Maths

Children should be practising their basic facts on a daily basis. The facts that your child needs to know by the end of the school year can be found on the curriculum map given to you at the Curriculum Evening in September or on the Curriculum page of the school website. These can be done through games, songs, online activities etc.



In years 1-5, children will also have weekly maths homework based around what they have been learning in class. They will need to access <https://diagnosticquestions.com>. Their sign in details should be in their reading diary—be careful, the sign in button is the darker of the two buttons available! Once logged in there should be an activity waiting for your child. This will consist of 10 questions with 4 multiple choice answers. Your child will have the option to explain how they got to their answer, click a button saying 'I just guessed' or just move on to the next question. We would like your child to use the explanation button for at least 2 questions per homework. The teacher can then see how each child has done.

Year 6 should be completing IXL on a regular basis.