



Home-learning and Homework at Thorp

At Thorp primary school we believe that learning occurs all of the time; and children will make good progress and attain much in life when they have lots of different learning experiences both in and out of school. Homework plays a vital role in the development of positive learning skills and in consolidating what has been learnt in school. However, we also recognise that homework can be a challenge for families and children, and so we have developed a home learning strategy that aims to be a positive experience for families.

We ask that during term time all children

- Read daily
- Practise spellings/phonics relevant for their age and ability as directed by the teacher
- Practise timetables/number facts relevant for their age and ability as directed by the teacher
- Use the online resources from Doodle Maths, Spelling Shed and Active Learn (Bug Club reading),
- Teachers set work on Google Classroom for children who are isolating due to Covid 19. Paper packs will be made available for pupils without internet access.

All children have log-ins and passwords for these resources. Please see the class teacher if your child does not remember them.

If your child does not have access to these online resources at home, then there is time available at homework club in school.

In addition, on the topic planning sheets for every class, teachers have made suggestions for what can be completed as a home-learning project for their class. These ideas are for children to do with family members and are designed so that children can discuss and demonstrate understanding and creativity around what they are learning in class. They can be completed and brought into their class at any point during the topic, and every child who completes a home-learning challenge will receive a certificate for themselves and the family member/s who worked with them.

Over school holidays there will be a Thorp Holiday Challenge. For all children that complete the holiday challenge there will be a reward and certificate. The challenge will differ slightly depending on the length of the holiday, but there will always be maths, spelling, reading and writing activities in addition to a broader range of activities that can be completed with family members.

Evidence from schools across the country has found that experiential and practical home-learning is more beneficial in consolidating learning at school than more traditional worksheet based homework. We hope that you will find this approach more valuable and enjoyable as a family in promoting your child's learning.