

How does the school set homework?

All children are given a Reading Diary and always have a reading book. An important part of homework is for children to take these home to read EVERY NIGHT with someone in their family—older brothers and sisters are usually very good at this! We encourage family members to write in the Reading Diary to tell us how the child's reading is going and whether they have had any problems or successes. Diaries are checked once a week by school staff and we love to read your comments to help us guide and inspire your child. Your child also has access to books from the school and class libraries which they can also bring home to read with you. We want to develop a love of reading right from the start!

In addition to reading, we also ask children to do other activities at home during the week such as practising their phonics; letter formation and handwriting; learning spellings; number bonds; times tables or doing some research for a topic. These are all important tasks that improve children's basic skills as well as giving you the opportunity to work together and get to know more about what your child needs to do to improve. Homework Diaries and exercise books are provided so that you know what your child needs to do and children can complete any tasks set in their books. Many tasks will be given at the start of term with the expectation that children will do the tasks every week and improve over the weeks, so that at the end of that time they will have mastered a basic skill, for example to learn number bonds to 20. This means that new homework won't necessarily be sent every week but you can plan to do the homework to fit in with your busy schedules. We need parents to take responsibility for their children's learning over time in partnership with us to make homework effective.



If you are lucky enough to be able to access the internet at home there are a wide range of sites that children can go to for fun activities. Here are just a few recommendations from teachers to get you started:



www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (Key Stage 1 and 2)

nrich.maths.org

www.mathszone.co.uk

www.funbrain.com

Pocket Phonics (i-pad app)

www.oxfordowl.co.uk (reading and maths)

Mathletics

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Working together:
A Curriculum and
Homework guide for parents
and carers



We realise that knowing in advance what your children will be studying during the year helps you to plan how to support your children. There is no better way for children to develop a love of learning than to do it alongside someone in their family who takes an interest in the work that they do at school. Set out in this leaflet are the key areas that your child will be studying up until the end of the school year.

You can help your child make great progress and be interested in their learning by helping them with homework projects and also visiting the library to find books or information about their topics. You can also research on the internet—a great activity to do together. In this leaflet you can read about how we set homework at Thornton – all the activities that we send home are designed to give you, or another family member, the opportunity to sit together for short periods of time and enjoy learning.

Homework should never be a chore—or something stressful that children and adults dread! Think about how you feel when you are learning something new—lots of praise and reassurance is all children need to develop that confidence to go on and become lifelong learners.

Please always see your child's class teacher if you need help in supporting them with their homework. Our regular workshops will give you help and support to be confident in some of the new methods we use.

Subject	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
Literacy		
Maths		
Science		
History/Geography		
Art/Design Technology		
RE	Currently being updated—details to follow	
Music		
PSHE	Currently being updated—details to follow	
Computing		

Subject	Spring Term 1	Spring Term 2
Literacy		
Maths		
Science		
History/Geography		
Art/Design Technology		
RE/PSHE	Currently being updated—details to follow	
Music		
RE	Currently being updated—details to follow	
Computing		

Subject	Summer Term 1	Summer Term 2
Literacy		
Maths		
Science		
History/Geography		
Art/Design Technology		
PSHE	Currently being updated—details to follow	
Music		
RE	Currently being updated—details to follow	
Computing		