

Eccleston Mere Primary School

Homework Policy



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At Eccleston Mere, whilst we recognise how hard our pupils work during the school day, we also promote the importance of homework to reinforce learning. We limit the quantity of homework expected, as we continue to promote positive mental health amongst our pupils.

We ask for parental support in ensuring that homework is completed on a regular basis. Parents are offered advice on 'how to help your child at home' through parents' evenings and additional meetings such as, end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 assessments. We also offer 'Love to Learn' sessions, which are opportunities for parents to learn alongside their child.

If your child attends breakfast / after-school club, homework can be completed during these sessions.

While we strongly encourage pupils to complete homework, we do not sanction children if it is not completed.

School Aims for Homework:

1. To encourage parents to play an active part in the education of their children.
2. To inform parents of the type of work children undertake.
3. To encourage children to take an interest in books and reading.
4. To allow children to reinforce skills and concepts taught at school.
5. To facilitate the development of research skills.
6. To develop good working habits away from the school environment.
7. To concentrate on the development of English and Mathematical skills.

Homework Principles:

1. Tasks carefully planned and structured to support progression in learning.
2. Consistent practice across the school.
3. A regular programme familiar to everyone.
4. Pupils/parents/carers clear about homework expectations.
5. Clear feedback to children/regular monitoring.
6. Progression towards independence and individual responsibility.

We recognise that some children may not access work within the expectations of their year group and homework will therefore be adjusted to suit their ability.

The following information outlines homework expectations for each year group. This information can also be found on our school website.

Reception Homework

Phonics Read, Write, Inc	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We teach phonics using a programme called 'Read, Write, Inc'.• The children learn the letter sounds and how to write the letters. Each letter has a 'ditty' to help the children to write each letter correctly. For example, 's' – slither down the snake.• We teach pure letter sounds. For example, 'm' not 'muh', 'c' not 'cuh'.• Every week, your child is given phonics homework which is linked to their phonics lessons in school. Please help your child to learn the sounds, 'sound out' the letters in a word and read the words. Initially, support your child by sounding out each word before they do it themselves, for example h a t – hat.• Your child may also be given handwriting / tricky words to practise as part of their homework.
Reading Book (RWI Phonics Book)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your child will have a school reading book. Initially, this is a picture book. Your child should use the pictures as clues to discuss what the story is about and make predictions about the story.• When your child can recognise letter sounds, a 'sound blending' book is sent home. This enables your child to practise blending sounds and reading simple words.• As your child makes progress, they will bring home a 'Ditty' reading book.• Your child has a reading record book. Please write in this book so that we know how your child is progressing with their reading at home.• Please return reading books on a <u>Monday</u> or <u>Tuesday</u>. We aim for all children to have read by Wednesday and new books sent home.• Reading should be pleasurable. If you have any difficulties, tell us and we will do our best to support you.
Additional reading book	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your child may also be given an additional book. This book is to read together at home as your child may not yet be able to read every word. Your child will be able to: read many words using their phonic knowledge, make predictions about what will happen and use the pictures to tell the story.
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please encourage your child to access the RMEasimaths online learning program, at least twice a week, to complete maths activities tailored to your child's ability.

Please access reception's page on the school website for further information.

<http://www.ecclestonmere.st-helens.sch.uk/class/reception>

Year 1 Homework

Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete at least 10 minutes of reading, each evening, using the school reading book provided. Children will receive a phonics (Read, Write Inc sound) book which is matched to their phonological ability and an Oxford Reading Tree book, which is a book to be shared (and is not entirely phonetically decodable).• Please complete the reading record provided to indicate which pages your child has read at home and to share any comments you wish to make. Your child may also enjoy reading other books at home, in addition to their school text.• Your child's book will be changed on a Thursday.• Please ensure that your child's book is in school each day, allowing an adult to read with your child and change their book.
Spellings/ sounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spellings/sounds will be given each Thursday.• Spellings should be practised on a few occasions throughout the week (there is a minimum limit set on the games to allow your child to progress).• Your child's spellings will be set on Spelling Shed to enable your child to learn the spellings through interactive games.• Alternatively, your child should learn the word, write it out, cover it up and check if they can spell it correctly.• Please also remember to practice the Year 1 common exception words which can be found on the Year 1 class page link below.
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please encourage your child to access the RMEasimaths online learning program, at least twice a week, to complete maths activities tailored to your child's ability.

Please access Year 1's page on the school website for further information.

<http://www.ecclestonmere.st-helens.sch.uk/class/year-1>

Year 2 Homework

Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete 10-15 minutes of reading, each evening, using the school reading book provided. If your child is still accessing Read, Write Inc lessons, they will receive a phonics (Read, Write Inc sound) book which is matched to their phonological ability and an Oxford Reading Tree book, which is a book to be shared (and is not entirely phonetically decodable). If your child has completed Read, Write Inc, they will receive an Oxford Reading Tree Book, which is matched to their ability.• Please complete the reading record to indicate which pages your child has read at home and to share any comments you wish to make. Your child may also enjoy reading other books at home, in addition to their school text.• Your child's book will be changed once completed.• Please ensure that your child's book is in school each day, allowing an adult to read with your child and change their book.
Spellings/ sounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spellings/sounds will be given each Friday.• Spellings should be practised on a few occasions throughout the week.• Your child's spellings will be set on Spelling Shed to enable your child to learn the spellings through interactive games.• Alternatively, your child should learn the word, write it out, cover it up and check if they can spell it correctly.• Please also remember to practice the Year 2 common exception words which can be found on the Year 2 class page link below.
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In addition to their spelling and reading homework, one piece of Maths work will be sent home on Fridays.• This work is to be returned to school the following Monday.
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please encourage your child to access the RMEasimaths online learning program, at least twice a week, to complete maths activities tailored to your child's ability.

Please access Year 2's class page on the school website for further information.

<http://www.ecclestonmere.st-helens.sch.uk/class/year-2>

Year 3 Homework

Reading Plus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete at least two x 20 minutes Reading Plus online sessions per week.• Teachers will check your child's Reading Plus usage in class.• To promote the use of Reading Plus, we will show the class the Reading Plus leadership board and will award children accordingly. The leadership board will not be based on ability; it will be based on the amount of time your child has used Reading Plus for.
Times Tables Rock Stars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete at least three x 10 minutes of TT Rock Stars online per week.• At times, we will set up class and year group competitions to promote its use.
Reading Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete 15 minutes of reading daily: Reading Plus can count towards the 15 minutes of reading.• Your child will select a reading book of their choice, within a banded level, which they will take home each afternoon and bring back each morning. These will be regularly checked by the class teacher. Your child should fill in any minutes of reading completed in their reading record. After completing each book, children will write a short book review in their reading record.
Spellings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spellings will be given out on Fridays; spelling tests are carried out the following Friday.• Spellings should be practised at least a few times throughout the week.• The words will be loaded onto Spelling Shed to enable your child to learn the spellings through interactive games.• Alternatively, your child should learn the word, write it out, cover it up and check if they can spell it correctly.• Please also remember to practice the Year 3 common exception words which can be found on the Year 3 class page link below.
Maths / English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One Maths or English task will be sent home per week; this will be given out on Fridays.• This work should be returned to school by the following Friday.

Please access Year 3's class page on the school website for further information.

<http://www.ecclestonmere.st-helens.sch.uk/class/year-3>

Year 4 Homework

Reading Plus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete three Reading Plus sessions each week.• Teachers will check your child's Reading Plus usage in class.• To promote the use of Reading Plus, we will show the class the Reading Plus leadership board and will award children accordingly. The leadership board will not be based on ability; it will be based on the amount of time your child has used Reading Plus for.
Times Tables Rock Stars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete 10 minutes of TT Rock Stars daily.• At times, we will set up class and year group competitions to promote its use.
Reading Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete 20 minutes of reading daily. Reading Plus can count towards the 20 minutes of reading.• Your child will select a reading book of their choice, within a banded level, which they will take home each afternoon and bring back each morning. These will be regularly checked by the class teacher. Your child should fill in any minutes of reading completed in their reading record.• After completing each book, children will write a short book review in their reading record.
Spellings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spellings will be given out on Wednesday (Birch) / Friday (Hazel) and your child will have a spelling test the following Wednesday (Birch) / Friday (Hazel).• Spellings should be practised on a few occasions throughout the week.• The words will be loaded onto Spelling Shed to enable your child to learn the spellings through interactive games.• Alternatively, your child should learn the word, write it out, cover it up and check if they can spell it correctly.• To extend their learning, your child could also write each spelling in a sentence.• Please also remember to practice the Year 4 common exception words which can be found on the Year 4 class page link below.
Maths / English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One piece of either Maths or English will be sent home per week; this will be given out on Fridays.• This work should be returned to school by the following Friday.

Please access Year 4's class page on the school website for further information.

<http://www.ecclestonmere.st-helens.sch.uk/class/year-4>

Year 5 Homework

Reading Plus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete at least three Reading Plus sessions each week.• Teachers will check your child's Reading Plus usage in class.• To promote the use of Reading Plus, we will show the class the Reading Plus leadership board and will award children accordingly. The leadership board will not be based on ability; it will be based on the amount of time your child has used Reading Plus for.
Times Tables Rock Stars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete 10 minutes of TT Rock Stars each night.• At times, we will set up class and year group competitions to promote its use.
Reading Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete 20 minutes of reading daily. Reading Plus can count towards the 20 minutes of reading.• Your child will select a reading book of their choice, within a banded level, which they will take home each afternoon and bring back each morning. These will be regularly checked by the class teacher. Your child should fill in any minutes of reading completed in their reading record.• After completing each book, children will write a short book review in their reading record.
Spellings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spellings will be given out on Fridays and your child will have a spelling test the following Friday.• Spellings should be practised on a few occasions throughout the week.• The words will be loaded onto Spelling Shed to enable your child to learn the spellings through interactive games.• Alternatively, your child should learn the word, write it out, cover it up and check if they can spell it correctly.• To extend their learning, your child could also write each spelling in a sentence.• Please also remember to practice the Year 5 common exception words which can be found on the Year 5 class page link below.
Maths / English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One piece of Maths and/or English will be sent home per week; this will be given out on Fridays.• This work should be returned to school by the following Monday.

Please access Year 5's class page on the school website for further information.

<http://www.ecclestonmere.st-helens.sch.uk/class/year-5>

Year 6 Homework

Reading Plus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete at least three Reading Plus sessions each week.• Teachers will check your child's Reading Plus usage in class.• To promote the use of Reading Plus, we will show the class the Reading Plus leadership board on a regular basis and there will be weekly rewards for those who have completed the most sessions whilst maintaining an 80%+ average comprehension score.
Times Tables Rock Stars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete 10 minutes of TT Rock Stars each night.• At times, we will set up class and year group competitions to promote its use.
Reading Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete 20 minutes of reading daily. Reading Plus can count towards the 20 minutes of reading.• Your child will select a reading book of their choice, within a banded level, which they will take home each afternoon and bring back each morning. These will be regularly checked by the class teacher. Your child should fill in any minutes of reading completed in their reading record.• After completing each book, children should write a short book review in their reading record.
Spellings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spellings will be given out on Fridays and your child will have a spelling test the following Friday.• Spellings should be practised on a few occasions throughout the week.• The words will be loaded onto Spelling Shed to enable your child to learn the spellings through interactive games.• Alternatively, your child should learn the word, write it out, cover it up and check if they can spell it correctly.• To extend their learning, your child could also write each spelling in a sentence.• Please also remember to practice the Year 6 common exception words which can be found on the Year 6 class page link below.
Maths / English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children will be allocated specific pages to complete in their Maths and English CPG book each week; this will be given out on Fridays.• This work should be returned to school by the following Monday.

Please access Year 6's class page on the school website for further information.

<http://www.ecclestonmere.st-helens.sch.uk/class/year-6>