



Padiham Green School

Home Learning Expectations

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As a school, we think that reading (listening to your child read; reading to your child and talking about books) represents the most effective use of 'home learning time'. Research has shown that children, who read regularly, for fun, achieve well at school, even in subjects other than English.

We recommend that your child spends around *ten minutes* per day undertaking reading activities at home. Children should bring their reading books home every evening. It is important to remind them to use different strategies to read new words i.e. using their phonics knowledge to sound words out, looking at the pictures and looking for words within words.

Just as important is discussing the book to check that your child has understood what they have read. We ask that you record any reading undertaken at home in your child's reading record.

Along with reading, we think there is merit in children undertaking short tasks at home relating to other aspects of learning. Where possible, homework relates to prior learning in the classroom, such as times tables facts as this helps children secure understanding developed in class. This aspect of homework is not compulsory. However, by regularly completing homework children develop important independent skills.

When appropriate, children mark their homework as a class. By this we mean that the teacher might provide the answers to the class as a whole rather than marking work individually. This means that feedback, particularly correcting to any misconceptions, is almost "instant". Furthermore, we have high expectations of our teachers in terms of marking and feedback, so this approach helps to make their workload more manageable.

We expect the children in our Y6 class to complete slightly more home learning than children in other year groups. This is to help them prepare for the raised expectations of secondary school.

From time to time, class teachers may ask children to complete a family project which will be celebrated in classes. We have found that these types of projects are well supported by our parents and there are a number of learning opportunities in these activities. Please speak to your class teacher if you need help supporting your child with this.