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Homework and home learning activities



Dear Parents/Carers

Over the last year we have reviewed our approach to homework a number of times. We recognise that for many of our families homework can be a battle and we do not want it to become a cause of distress.

Aims

Our aim is to provide a regular homework routine which is flexible and low demand. We believe it is important that our homework encourages positive attitudes to learning rather than providing challenging learning at home. We encourage pupils to complete regular homework but it is not compulsory. We hope the homework we set will:

- give pupils opportunity to explore learning in an unstructured setting
- encourage pupils to be independent, follow their own lines of enquiry and be self-motivated
- allows pupils to consolidate skills that they are being taught at school
- give parents/carers an insight into what their child is learning
- create a partnership between home and school

Rewarding efforts and achievements

Pupils' efforts to complete homework will be praised and congratulated through gaining PEARL points and homework certificates. Pupils who do not complete homework will not be punished.

Homework club

We understand that for some of our families there maybe factors which make supporting their child with homework tricky. These factors may include difficulty to provide a quiet work space, limited or no access to a device suitable for online learning, unreliable internet connection. To help overcome these barriers we will provide a homework club once a week at lunchtime. Pupils who choose to go to the homework club will be provided with the support and resources they need.

Our homework routines



Homework sent home weekly

Day of the week	What will be sent home?	Suggestions for how you can support learning at home
Monday	Spellings Each Monday we select spellings for your child to practice in school. We will send a copy of these home too.	'Little and often' is usually the best approach to learning spellings. Write or type spellings Use different types of writing tools – pencils, crayons, felt-tips, chalks. Pick a word a day to practice
Tuesday and Thursday	Reading book We will send your child home with a reading book each Tuesday and Thursday. Please return the book, even if you your child has not managed to read it.	Read the book together. Take it in turns to read a page. Find a comfy spot, maybe with a teddy and blanket! Make book time part of your home routine.

Online learning

The school has subscribed to a range of learning platforms to allow flexible access to learning at home. Pupils can complete online learning when they like and for how long they want.

Each pupil has their own login details to the platforms which school send home. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you require this information again.

Curriculum area	Online platform	Information
English Reading	Bug Club 	This platform helps your child improve their reading fluency and comprehension skills. The class teacher will allocate your child a selection of books to read.
Maths Times tables	TT Rock Stars 	This platform helps your child to improve their times table knowledge and rapid recall. The class teacher will allocate the sets of times tables your child needs to practice and learn. Pupils can select games to play and earn rewards to create their own avatar.



Half termly homework challenges

At the beginning of each half term we will send home a homework challenge sheet. These challenges focus on encouraging independence, developing personal skills and trying out new activities. Families can decide when they might like to complete challenges and how many they will do. Families can let us know that challenges have been completed in anyway which is easiest for them; a note, photograph, picture, telephone call etc.

Having problems with homework

If you have any concerns or questions about homework please contact the class teacher.

We recommend that if homework causes any distress or your child to become emotionally dysregulated, you put it to aside to look at it again later or try something different at another time.

We hope this letter provides clarity and reassurance about our approach to homework at Euler.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Laura Harkin
Head of School













Key Stage 1 Spring 1 Homework Challenges

Pupil name _____

Spring 1

Here are your half term homework challenges—our focus is on Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria. You need to complete at least one challenge per week. Please bring to school your completed challenge each week and we will stick it in your book. There will be points or tokens awarded for each challenge completed.



1. Use lego or bricks to build a palace for a Queen. 	2. Paint a tree with blossom. 	3. In the bath or sink, fill bottles full, half full and then empty them. 	4. Measure the height of everyone in your family. Who is the tallest? 
5. Play an ordering numbers game. <i>Caterpillar Ordering, an Ordering and Sequencing Game (topmarks.co.uk)</i> 	6. Find a one fact and a picture of Queen Victoria. 	7. If it snows, play in the snow and make a snowman. 	8. Make a paper snowflake. 
9. Draw a picture of Queen Elizabeth II. 	10. Make a crown from paper and card. 	11. Practice writing the numbers 1-10 using different coloured pens. 	12. Read your book from the school library. 



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