

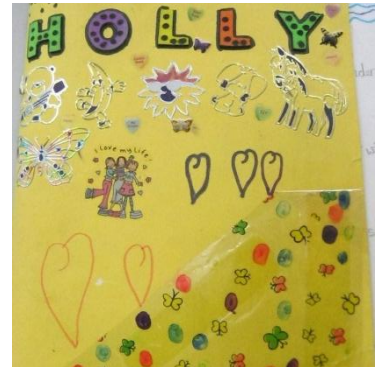
Lillington Nursery and Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following feedback from many of you regarding homework provision, we are delighted to introduce an improved Homework Policy which continues to develop children's basic skills but at the same time provides them with the opportunity to practise new skills, work independently and show off their creativity - which they clearly have in abundance!

We are introducing a new Home Learning Journal for all children from Year 1 to Year 6. Each week the Home Learning to be completed will be pasted in the centre of the two pages. We want the children to be able to express their learning in a format that they choose and therefore we have decided to use scrapbooks so that children can be as creative as they wish with the layout.



Basic Skills Practise:

Each year group will continue to be set reading homework and maths homework.

Home Learning Journal:

Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2)

Children will be set:

- A writing activity
- An occasional phonics/spelling activity
- A maths activity

Key Stage Two (Years 3 - 5)

- Children will be set a creative SPaG (spelling/punctuation/grammar) activity
- Children will be set a maths activity (some weeks this will be a Mathematics Activity to be completed online)
- Children will be set an activity which involves writing - this could be related to any curriculum subject

Key Stage Two (Year 6)

Children will have the above set and in addition...

- A science activity
- On occasion an independent project to complete (children will be provided with a different book for this)
- Will sometimes be asked to complete revision activities

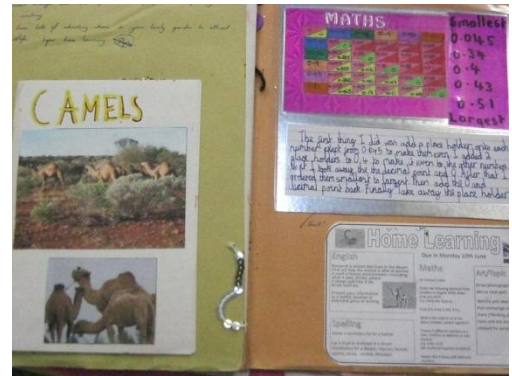


The tasks for the Home Learning Journal will be outlined and children can then decide how they display their work. We would like them to be as creative as possible. The home learning will be done on a two page spread and we want the children to think about the quality of their writing and presentation.

Children can use folded paper to ensure that they can fit their work onto the two pages to ensure that there are no overhanging sheets. The children can also cover the front of their book with paper or designs of their choosing (this week's homework!)

We have shared examples with the children - and it is intended that the work is theirs!

Please note that all homework will be differentiated as appropriate but that as we are looking for the children to demonstrate their creativity, this will often be by outcome.



Below is a time guide for homework for each year group. Children may want to spend longer on their Home Learning if they are inspired. Likewise the children in the younger years may sometimes be too tired to spend the suggested amount of time.

Year Group	Total suggested time to spend on Basic Skills Homework and Home Learning per week
Years One and Two	One hour
Years Three and Four	One and a half hours
Year Five	Two hours
Year Six	Two and a half hours

The Journals will be marked by the class teacher weekly.

The children also have the opportunity to learn at home using our online resources such as **Mathletics**.

The children are very excited about the Home Learning Journals and we think they will enjoy practising their skills in a more creative and interesting manner.

Yours sincerely

Derek Fance
Head Teacher