



KIRKBY & GREAT BROUGHTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework 2021

Mission Statement

At Kirkby and Great Broughton CE school we recognise that everyone in our school is a valued and unique person with different gifts and skills. Guided by strong Christian principles, we work together to nurture the children emotionally, spiritually and intellectually. We encourage them to be confident and enquiring, as well as compassionate and kind, as they strive to achieve their personal best and develop a lasting love for learning and for life.

Introduction

In order that our pupils can attain the highest standard (spiritual, moral, social, cultural and academic) we recognise the crucial importance of an active educational partnership between home and school. Homework is just one of the ways in which we seek to foster this partnership. Homework encompasses a whole variety of activities instigated by teachers and parents to support children's learning.

Reading is Vital

As a school the development of reading across the whole school is a key priority. This encompasses phonics, early reading, reading for pleasure and comprehension. Throughout the year you will receive more information about how we are transforming the reading culture in our school. However, we do need your help. As one parent said in the questionnaire: *"Reading is absolutely vital and students cannot access the curriculum unless they can read."*

It is important that you continue to read with your child at home. Minimum expectations are below. However, please do, if you can, also make time for that bed time story which, as well as being a beautiful time together is proven to improve children's fluency and understanding.

These are the **MINIMUM expectations** for learning at home

Reception and Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily reading of the phonetically decodable books from school• Daily phonics and spelling practice <p>Maximum 15 minutes a day to reinforce what has been taught in school</p>
YEARS 3, 4 AND 5	Approx 10/15 minutes of each <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading at least 5 times a week. (Only reading signed by an adult will count towards our 'reading raffle') Of course your child may want to read a lot more!• Times Table Rock Stars- at least 3 times a week• Spelling practice- using the spelling sheet sent home to practice spellings 5 times within the week
Year 6	As above. Year 6 will also be given work books and each week they will be set pages to complete in either maths or grammar.

In addition, teachers MAY send home English or maths work if they feel it would benefit the child to reinforce work done in class

Spelling and Times Tables (where appropriate)

Practising key skills is also proven to improve long term memory of knowledge which is why we will also be asking children to practice spellings and, when ready, times tables at home.