

Any questions?

Your child's teacher will be happy to answer questions about homework or explain what your child needs to do. We try to ensure that homework builds on, and reinforces, learning in the classroom. If your child is struggling with their homework, or becomes distressed, please talk to the class teacher as soon as you can.



Develop a positive attitude



Developing a positive attitude is likely to bring the best results. Please support your child to complete their homework by encouraging them and asking questions to develop their learning (try not to give so much help that you do it for them).

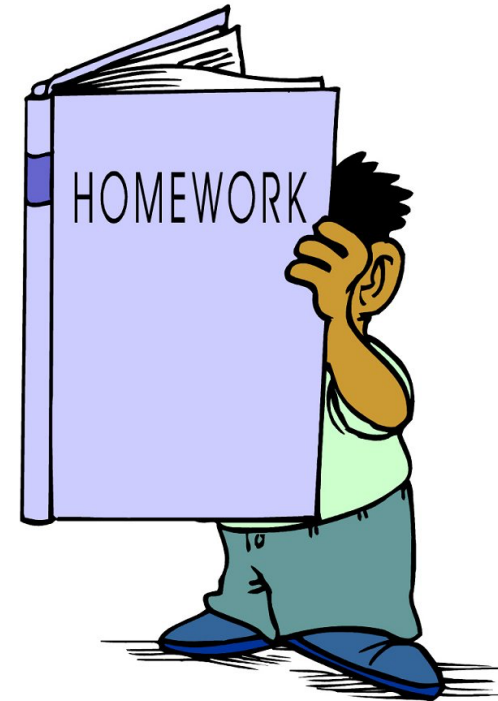
Other opportunities for learning together as a family

Remember there are lots of other learning opportunities at home—going for a walk in the park, cooking together, singing songs, reading with/to your child, and even just having a chat are all valuable experiences.

Playing board games and card games, doing jigsaw puzzles, and eating meals together teaches children about turn-taking and sharing, and develops language and speaking skills, as well as having fun together as a family.



Learning At Home



**Information about
homework at
Fairholme School**

“We believe we can achieve” – our Fairholme motto

At Fairholme, we set weekly homework. We value home learning because:

- It supports children in making the best progress they can, both academically and socially.
- It helps our children to develop skills in becoming independent learners, and helps them to develop good work habits for the future.
- It develops a positive partnership between home and school in supporting each child’s learning.
- It consolidates learning in school and allows children to practice skills that they have been taught in lessons.

Homework Our Home Learning Expectations

Reading will always be one of the most important parts of your child’s homework. **We expect children to read at home, with an adult, 5 times a week.** For younger children, this includes sharing books and practising sounds. Reading for 15-20 minutes every evening, on their own or sharing a book with an adult, will help children to develop reading skills and a love of literature.

Maths: Each child has a **Maths Passport** in the front of their Home Learning Journal which shows which maths skills to practice at home over the year. Children can practice times tables on **Times Tables Rock Stars** <https://trockstars.com/login/33877> and children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can practice number skills on **Numbots** <https://numbots.com> (class teachers can provide username and password for your child).

Spellings: Learn and practice spelling words at home each week.

Homework project: Complete a homework project over the half term and bring it in – this is usually related to the topic the children are learning about and may include research or making something creative.

How can parents and carers help with homework?

There are lots of things you can do to help your child learn at home:

- Join a library, borrow books and help your child find information.
- Ensure your child has a quiet space in which to complete their homework.
- Praise effort and offer encouragement.
- Give a gentle reminder when there is work to be done.
- Encourage your child to expect high standards of him or herself.
- Ensure the time is right for homework and your child is not missing their favourite activity or TV programme, and they are not too tired.

Home Learning Journal and folder

We will provide your child with a Home Learning Journal each term and a plastic wallet to keep everything safe. We ask adults at home to sign and date each time a child completes part of their home learning – e.g. each time they read, practice maths skills and spellings, and so on. There are spaces for this every week on the Home Learning Journal.

Children should bring their Home Learning Journal and reading book to school every day.

Half-termly homework projects can be completed separately and handed in at the end of each half term. If you find you do not have the resources you need at home (pencils, coloured pencils, glue sticks), please speak to your child’s teacher.

If you lose online log ins or passwords, or need any advice about helping children with homework, class teachers will always be happy to offer help and suggestions with this.