

Homework in Year 3 and 4

Homework is designed to **consolidate** your child's learning and encourage regular practise of key skills such as reading, spelling and times tables. Reading, spelling and mental maths (e.g. times tables) practise is considered to be '*ongoing*' throughout the year. Additionally we also give specific activities linked to maths and English lessons using Education City or, occasionally, sheets to complete. The children have been issued with a **homework diary** in which they can write details of the specific English and maths homework as it is given.

English (including spelling) and maths homework is generally given out on a Friday to be completed by the following week (usually Wednesday or Thursday) to give children enough time to complete the work without being unduly time pressured.

The focus of reading with your child in year 3 and 4 is to develop comprehension skills so as well as reading with them please do discuss the book. Your child's class teacher can give you specific guidance on the kinds of questions to ask your child. Your child can also read on some nights by themselves and we encourage them to read five times a week in total.

Supporting your child

One of the things children find hardest about homework is knowing when to fit it into their week. This is where your support is invaluable in helping them to learn how to manage their time and fit homework in around all their other activities. Regular slots work well for some children or even a timetable helps in some cases. Many children are very tired at the end of the school day so a break before starting homework is often a good idea.

Homework Club

We encourage children to do their homework at home so you can help and support them. However, for those children who do not have access to the internet/computer for Education City homework, we offer a lunchtime homework club on Monday and Tuesday of each week. These days occasionally change to fit in with trips/activities in school.