

A Parent's Guide to Homework

At Emersons we focus our home-work on the key skills which have the most impact on learning: regular reading with an adult, learning spelling & phonics and learning number facts. Whilst other pieces of homework may be set from time to time, practising these areas at home are essential to your child's learning.

This guide will help you get the most out of home learning.

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**Emersons
Green
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Reading

Reading at home regularly has more impact than any other home learning with recent research showing that children who read at home in primary school leave school with GCSE's which are a grade higher than those who don't.

We ask that all parents read with their child for 20 minutes 5 times per week and record this in the reading diary. The best way to do this is to have a regular session during the day where you read with your child .

Some of the school reading scheme books have prompt questions at the back which you can use to check your child's understanding.

Older children still need to read with an adult because the focus for them is comprehending what they are reading. Older children read the words but may not understand it so having a parent on hand to talk to them about their book is essential.

Spelling and Phonics

Each week your child will either bring home a phonics or a list of spellings to learn.

Phonics:

Support with phonics at home is important in helping children to become confident and fluent readers and writers. Some of things you can do at home to support include:

- Hearing your child read their 'phonics' book as often as possible, supporting them to sound out, blend and re-read words to build fluency and prosody
- Using sound mats/sound cards for some quick-fire recognition
- Spotting letters/words in the environment

Spelling Lists:

Each year group has specific spelling rules to cover and a list of common exception words. These are taken from the 'Years 3&4 and Years 5&6 spelling and common exception words lists as outlined in the National Curriculum.

Children in KS2 will be asked to learn a selection of these words.

Math Fluency

Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are expected to practice their known number facts weekly using the online platform Numbots. EYFS – 6mins, KS1- 10mins

Children in Key Stage 2 are expected to practice their times tables weekly using the online platform 'TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars).

All children are expected to complete 10-20mins at home across the week depending on age.

Handwriting

Children are taught cursive handwriting at Emersons Green Primary from the beginning of Year 2 with Year 1 and Reception focusing on correct letter formation and entry and exit points of letter.

Emersons Green Handwriting Rules:

1. We don't join capital letters.
2. We start all lower case letters on the line.
3. We don't take our pen off the paper until the word is finished (then we go back and dot the I's and cross the T's).

Your child may get handwriting homework from time to time so please follow these rules and use the school style when teaching writing at home.

Emersons Green Handwriting style

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