

The Lockwood Primary School

Homework Program



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Our approach to Homework is aligned with DET policy, as outlined below:

Prep to Grade 4:

- should not be seen as a chore
- enables the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering of extra information or materials
- **will mainly consist of daily reading** to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings
- will generally **not** exceed 30 minutes a day or be set on weekends or during vacations.

Grade 5 to 6:

- **should include daily independent reading**
- should be coordinated across subjects in secondary schools to avoid unreasonable workloads for students
- may extend class work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- will generally range from 30 to 45 minutes a day at Year 5/6

SUMMARY OF THE LOCKWOOD PS HOMEWORK PROGRAM

NB: as per DET advice, homework is not set on weekends and homework "sheets" will not be issued.

Prep – Grade 2 Homework Recommendations	
Daily	Read <u>every</u> school night: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read aloud to/with/by parent/carer/older sibling
Not more than one activity per week	<p>In addition to reading, teachers may ask students to do ONE activity at home.</p> <p>The weekly activity will vary, but could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing games* using <i>High Frequency Words</i> *until first 300 words are mastered • Home talk session – linked to the weekly Big Write • Incidental: Mathletics, Reading Eggs, <i>Flipped Learning</i>, 'Hunting & Gathering', Chinese Language practice, Inquiry.

Grade 3-4 Homework Recommendations	
Daily	Read <u>every</u> school night: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read aloud to/with/by parent/carer/older sibling 3-4 times per week • Read independently
	Complete unfinished* class work * according to individual expectations
Not more than one activity per week	<p>In addition to reading, teachers may ask students to do ONE activity at home.</p> <p>The weekly activity will vary, but could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play games* using <i>High Frequency Words</i> *until first 300 words are mastered • Home talk session – linked to the weekly Big Write • Incidental: Mathletics, Reading Eggs, <i>Flipped Learning</i>, 'Hunting & Gathering', Chinese Language practice, Inquiry.

Grade 5-6 Homework Recommendations	
Daily	Read <u>every</u> school night: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read aloud to/with/by parent/carer/older sibling at least twice per week • Read independently
	Complete unfinished* class work * according to individual expectations
1-2 activities per week	<p>In addition to reading, teachers may ask students to do 1-2 activities at home.</p> <p>The weekly activities will vary, but could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play games* using <i>High Frequency Words</i> *until first 300 words are mastered • Home talk session – linked to the weekly Big Write • Incidental: Mathletics, Reading Eggs, <i>Flipped Learning</i>, 'Hunting & Gathering', Chinese Language practice, Inquiry.

Homework

Homework is an opportunity for you to help and be involved in your child's learning. It reinforces what they learn at school and encourages them to maintain lifelong study habits.

Types of homework

The homework set for your child will vary depending on their age, the subject and the school's approach to homework. The degree of difficulty and length of homework will also be set according to their age and ability.

Homework will become more challenging in secondary school, in particular during the final years.

Types of homework your child may receive include:

Practice exercises

Practice exercises give your child opportunities to apply new knowledge, or to review and reinforce recently learned skills. They include:

- completing maths exercises
- practising words or phrases learnt in a language other than English
- reading
- essay writing and other creative tasks
- practising and playing musical instruments
- practising physical education skills.

Preparatory homework

Preparatory homework gives your child the opportunity to gain background information so they are better prepared for future lessons. For example:

- reading background material for history
- reading English texts for class discussion
- researching topics for class work
- collecting newspaper articles
- revising information about a current topic.

Extension assignments

Extension assignments encourage your child to pursue knowledge individually and imaginatively. For example:

- writing a book review
- making or designing an artwork
- completing science investigation exercises
- researching local news
- finding material on the internet
- monitoring advertising in a newspaper.

How you can help

There are many ways you can help your child with their homework including:

- encouraging a regular daily time to complete homework
- discussing key questions or suggesting resources to help with homework
- helping create a balance between time spent doing homework and recreational activities or part-time employment
- celebrating your child's successes and achievements
- attending school events, productions or displays your child is involved in
- talking to teachers to discuss problems with homework.

More information

For questions about your child's homework, contact their school.

For information on resources used by teachers and to access a range of websites to help your child with their homework, see:

- [FUSE Primary Students](#)
- [FUSE Secondary Students](#)

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/learning/Pages/elearning.aspx>