

Home Learning at Daubeney

Home Learning is an activity that should enhance your child's experience so at Daubeney the activities we give all children are based on skills that will be useful and help them to learn during class time.

Years R, 1 and 2 children should have 1 hour per week of home learning and this should be reading, spelling or/and number work.

In our school we expect our Key Stage 1 children to learn spellings, their number bonds and to read nightly.

Reception: Every Friday you will receive a leaflet containing information of what your child will be learning the following week. Ideas and activities are given for you to help support your child at home

Year 1 and Year 2: Each half term you will receive a curriculum leaflet. This will give you information on what the children will be learning within that term.

In our experience the most effective kind of study/play/activity at home might include:

- Read together and discuss the story
- Make up your own stories together
- Visit the library and join if you have not done so already – explore a favourite topic/school topic together
- Talk together about everything!
- Make books: Scrapbooks (using pictures from catalogues, magazines, comics, photographs, postcards etc.)
- Picture alphabet books
- Have pencils, paper, glue, crayons and scissors to hand for list making, note and letter writing and story writing
- Let your child get messy – use finger paints, make play dough, papier mache, or make models out of junk and boxes
- Learn new songs, poems and rhymes together
- Have a dressing up box
- Play board games like Scrabble, Snakes and Ladders or dominoes
- Cook together. Read recipes and write shopping lists.
- Walk around the supermarket or local shop reading signs or using numbers that can be seen
- Play a game or creative activity
- Act together – make up plays or characters

We believe that children need time to relax and play when they get home and 20 minutes of reading, spelling or number work is more than sufficient, any additional activities you do with your child will be of benefit.

The purpose of home learning

1. Developing an effective partnership between the school and parents and other carers
2. Consolidating and reinforcing skills and understanding, particularly in literacy and numeracy;
3. Extending school learning, for example through additional reading; and encouraging pupils as they get older to develop the confidence and self discipline needed to do their own research.

Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school everyday. Each week, your child will bring home three books and a home-school reading book. The home-school reading book enables you to inform the class teacher of your child's reading and any comments/questions you wish to make.

Our decision and belief on how much homework and home learning is based on experience and recent research. We will be running a series of Parental workshops informing parents of how they can support their child's learning at home. These workshops will cover a variety of curriculum areas and topics.

Mrs J Thomas
Executive Head



DAUBENEY NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thus far, it has been a wonderful start to the new academic year.

Our children are really showing their enthusiasm for learning and for being leaders.

We have now begun the process to elect our School Councillors. We have also established several 'junior teams' where students lead the promotion of their favourite subject; whether that be Maths, English, Science. We also have a very enthusiastic Sustainability team known as the 'Eco-Warriors' who are helping us to reduce our waste and use of electricity. We even have a 'Newsletter Team' who will be writing articles for our newsletter.

This is all in addition to the wonderful learning that has been taking place across the whole school from Reception to Year 6. Please support us by having daily discussions with your child(ren) about what they have been learning at school. By working together as parents and teachers we can endeavour to produce highly motivated, passionate and inquisitive learners, who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

I look forward to telling you more about our children's successes in our next newsletter.

Mr Logan

Head of School

Home Learning at Daubeney

Homelearning is an activity that should enhance your child's progress so at Daubeney the activities we give all children are based on learning skills that will be useful and help to them during class time.

Years 3 and 4 children should have 1.5 hours of home learning per week which should be linked to literacy and numeracy activities such as spelling, reading and learning tables, with occasional projects such as independent research in other areas.

Years 5 and 6 children should have 30 minutes per day with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy with occasional projects such as independent research or creative writing.

In our school we expect our children to learn spellings and their times tables and to read nightly. In Year 6 the homework is much heavier and based around factual information.

Each half term you will receive a curriculum leaflet. This will give you information on what the children will be learning within that term.

In our experience the most effective kind of work at home is:

- Reading to an adult and discussing the story
- Talking to an adult about their day
- An interactive activity with an adult, such as cooking or painting
- Playing a game or creative activity
- Independent learning and research

We believe that children need time to relax and play when they get home and 30 minutes per night is an adequate amount of work time. Any activities you do with your child will be beneficial.

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If your child has difficulties in class or needs practice in a particular skill the teacher may give an activity to be completed at home: this is the decision of the teacher.

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Our New Newsletter Team

We would like to introduce to you our new Newsletter Team, Marie, Nathan, Deborah and Griffin.

They will be working alongside Miss Lucey to create our newsletter.

The 4 Year 6 children wrote a letter to Miss Lucey explaining why they should be in the team. They then had to answer some challenging questions in an interview with Miss Lucey and our business manger, Mr Shamji. Miss Lucey only needed 3 members in her team but was so blown over by their interviews that she had to hire them all! Well done Marie, Nathan, Deborah and Griffin.



The Caterpillars are Growing



The year 5 children are super excited to see their baby caterpillars growing and becoming ready for their next stage. Soon, they will enter the chrysalis stage where they will begin the amazing process of metamorphosis. Once they have changed into butterflies, we will update you and we hope to release them into their natural habitat.

You are welcome to witness nature at its best in any of our year 5 classes. Please come along and experience the amazing transformation!



EARTHQUAKE

Year 4 went on a trip to the Natural History Museum to learn about earthquakes. We had a really exciting day and even experienced what an earthquake would feel like!

Daubeney Junior Literacy Team

Meet the Daubeney Junior Literacy Team - an enthusiastic group of children with a love of reading and passion for writing! They will be supporting Miss Fergus in promoting Literacy across the school through assemblies, events and competitions. They will also be in charge of keeping all book corners around the school looking tidy and vibrant. The Junior Literacy Team will always be able to recommend a good book so ask them if you see them!



Ukulele Club

Are you in Year 3? Do you own your own ukulele? Do you show excellent learning behaviour in class every day? If so ask Mr. O' Flynn about the new free ukulele club.

Key Stage 1 Parent's Science Workshop

Friday 7th October
15:45—16:30

All Key Stage 1 parents are invited to attend a Science workshop with Mr Swarbrick and Mr Dharma after school. This workshop is designed to give you a simple yet informative view of how Daubeney delivers the Science curriculum to your children.

There will also be a short tour allowing you to get a good look inside our one of a kind Double Decker Bus Science Lab! We are also going to show you a few ways you can get scientific at home with your children. We look forward to seeing you there!