



Homework

Our approach to homework

At Thurgoland our approach to homework is quality not quantity; we believe that children should have the time outside of school to grow and develop in different ways. Here is a little more information about our approach:

- Homework activities will be focused around developing children's basic skills in reading, spelling and number facts. If you would like to spend more time completing homework, we will also set optional creative topic research-based projects each term (see homework grid at the end of this document).
- From time-to-time, children may bring home a piece of work they have missed through absence, or for further reinforcement.
- Homework will be given every Friday to complement work done in class. All homework will be due back on the following Thursday.
- There will be a homework club in school for children who do not have a quiet space to complete activities at home.

Feedback on homework activities:

Reading – Teachers will listen to 2 minutes of your child reading on SEESAW and reply with a comment to praise or provide next steps for your child's reading. We feel it is important to maintain this home-school link for reading so please feel free to comment back.

Numbots / TT Rockstars practice – Teachers will check the weekly class statistics to monitor children's performance on TT Rockstars. Teachers will analyse any misconception and re-teach these in lesson times.

Creative spellings – Teachers will look at creative spellings and use the 'love heart' symbol to give praise.

Optional topic work – we would encourage your child to bring any topic projects into school to share and celebrate with their class, we are also building up a history timeline display in school. If this isn't possible, feel free to post on SEESAW to share with your teachers and they will comment when appropriate.

Online homework platform - Seesaw

Homework will be set on an online learning app called SEESAW - this can be downloaded onto tablets, phones or iPads (it can be used on computers, but it is much more accessible and easier to use on phones, iPad or tablets).

The weekly tasks can be completed on the app and do not need printing off. On the app the children are able to add text, write annotations, take photographs or draw – each activity will have instructions.

We kindly ask that you download the SEESAW app and log onto it with your child, they will have done this in school and have brought home a log on sheet with instructions.

When signing in with their Home Learning Code, students can post to their journal, respond to activities and view class announcements. Students do not see the work of any other student in the class.

If you have more than one child in school, you may benefit from using the SEESAW family aspect. When you sign in as a family member, you are able to receive notifications for more than one child – this is handy to see when homework has been set or communications sent. If you would like access to this feature, please email your preferred email address and children's names / classes to office@thurgolandprimary.org

Staff will only reply to messages on SEESAW regarding set work 'activities'. For all other enquiries, please contact your class teacher on office@thurgolandprimary.org

This will ensure that no communications are missed by you or us. Thank you

If you have any problems or questions about SEESAW please do not hesitate to ask or email the school office.

**It is our policy to set homework as follows:**

Class	Suggested daily time completing the activities *This is only a suggestion as we appreciate on some days your family will have other commitments *	Activities
Class R	5-10 minutes in total per evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autumn term: Regular reading to an adult * Spring term: read to an adult and choose number activities from grid (to be set January 2023). Summer term: read to an adult, choose number activities from grid and creative spelling using RED words from phonics book. Plus, optional topic bingo boards – choose as many activities to complete as you like.
Class 1	5-10 mins in total per evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular reading to an adult * Daily number facts practise - Numbots / TT rockstars. Weekly creative spellings. Plus, optional topic bingo boards – choose as many activities to complete as you like.
Class 2	5 – 10 minutes in total per evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular reading to an adult *and weekly reading activity. Daily number facts practise - Numbots / TT rockstars. Weekly creative spellings. Plus, optional topic bingo boards – choose as many activities to complete as you like.
Class 3, 4 and 5	10 – 15 mins in total per evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular reading to an adult / regular sustained private reading * Daily number facts practise - TT rockstars. Weekly creative spellings. Plus, optional topic bingo boards – choose as many activities to complete as you like.
Years 6	20 minutes in total per evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular sustained private reading * Daily number facts practise - TT rockstars. Weekly creative spellings. From Spring term: weekly maths or comprehension activities set. Plus, optional topic bingo boards – choose as many activities to complete as you like.

* We ask that families upload to SEESAW a 2 minute recording (video/audio) of their child reading once per week *