



23rd April 2021

Homework at Dereham Junior Academy

Dear parents and carers,

Homework is very important in that it helps build on and prepare for many of the things your child learns at school. Our expectations for homework are not excessive; we keep it really simple as we do not want the children to be working at home every minute of the evening and weekend!

Our homework tasks focus on some of the crucial aspects of English and maths, but there is also scope for some additional topic-based homework, should the children wish to complete any.

Our expectations are:

Years 3 & 4 (per week) =

- Minimum of 2 x 10/15 min sessions on TT Rockstars/Numbots
- Minimum of 2 x 10/15 min sessions on Spelling Shed
- Minimum of 3 x 15 min reading sessions
- + Optional topic based homework which can be found on the website under 'What we are Learning'.

Years 5 & 6 (per week) =

- Minimum of 3 x 15 min sessions on TT Rockstars/Numbots
- Minimum of 3 x 15 min sessions on Spelling Shed
- Minimum of 4 x 15 min reading sessions
- + Optional topic based homework which can be found on the website under 'What we are Learning'.

We are able to set the spellings and times tables your children should work on and we can see how well they are doing by monitoring their activity on these programmes that we use.

Reading at home is incredibly valuable. Finding a quiet space to listen to your child read (or where they can read alone) is perhaps the most powerful thing you can do to help your child. It can also be a great opportunity to enjoy a bit of quiet time with your son or daughter. Discussing what your child has read is also a fantastic way of helping your child get better and better at reading.

We really value your support in helping your child complete their homework. The impact you can have on their learning by completing these activities is huge.

Please let us know if you need any support from us regarding our homework expectations. We are happy to help.

Best wishes,

All the staff at Dereham Junior Academy



March 2021

School Uniform and PE Kit

Dear parents and carers,

As we gradually ease our way back into normal school life and a new term beckons, we would like to remind everyone of our expectations around school uniform and PE kit.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Children should wear:

- Purple school jumper or cardigans
- White polo shirt, blouse or shirt (logo optional)
- Black or grey trousers (full length), pinafore dress, skirts or tailored shorts
- Lilac 'gingham' summer school dresses (white socks allowed with these)
- **Completely** black, flat-soled, sensible shoes or boots
- Black or dark grey socks or tights (not white).

No: Open-toed shoes or sandals; Leggings (tights or socks should be used with skirts); different coloured soles or logos on footwear.

PE KIT

We are going to continue with the children coming into school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. However, increasingly, some children seem to be treating these days almost as non-uniform days and this is not appropriate.



On PE days, children should come to school in:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts or
- Plain black leggings (girls)
- Trainers
- Black or navy tracksuit for colder months (school jumper can be worn instead of a tracksuit top).

*Note: branded tracksuits with **small** different coloured logos, stripes, swooshes, etc. **are** allowed as long as the main colour is black or navy, but **no** large brand names or images across tops or down tracksuit bottoms.*

No: Football kits; clothing with writing or images on (**small** brand logos are allowed – see above 'note').

Thank you for your support on this matter.

All the staff at Dereham Church of England Junior Academy