



BEARWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Year 5 and 6 Families,

UKS2 Homework – Autumn Two 2025

We'd like to thank many of you for your feedback around homework recently during parents' evening.

Last term, we decided to not set extensive amounts of homework. This is due to research showing that, at primary school, less is more effective. However, we agree with parents that consistent, compulsory homework will benefit pupils in the long run as they prepare for secondary school and the greater influx of homework they'll receive there, as well as develop discipline and organisation in their lives.

Taking this all into account, we'd like to set clear homework expectations for this term.

All children in UKS2 must:

Read for 20 minutes **every day** and record this in their reading diaries.

Complete at least 2 maths tasks on LBQ throughout the week

Complete a written spelling homework sheet each week.

Complete the additional curriculum tasks below by the end of term.

LBQ

We have been using this programme for nearly a year, so all pupils are very familiar with it. As a reminder:

Pupils should use their independent log in code to sign in.

There will be multiple tasks available – depending on how many they have completed already.

LBQ will give pupils immediate feedback – research shows this is highly effective for homework, so please encourage your child to read and reflect on this.

Spellings

All classes will now complete these read, cover, write, check sheets. Each day they should read the words, write them down, check them and rewrite if any mistakes have been made. The sheets can be handed back in on Mondays when they will have a low-stakes test on the words.

In addition, we have decided to include 4 additional activities linked with the rest of the curriculum. We'd like all pupils to do these to enrich their learning in these topics.

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The following will be due by the end of term (19th Dec):

Writing - Biographies

Choose an inspirational person – research their life. Write a biography about them, using paragraphs to organise the different points of their life.

(Pupils may want to wait until 21st Nov when we have finished learning about biographies in class)

History – Benin Kingdom

The period we are looking at in history is from 900CE to 1300CE.

What was happening in England at that time?

Research the events of English history from 900 to 1300, and make an informative timeline for this period.

You can use websites such as www.english-heritage.org.uk/members-area/kids/kids-timeline-of-history/ to help with this.

(Pupils may want to do this by 30th Nov to prepare them for their end-of-unit double-page spreads).

Science - Earth and Space

Create a poster of the Solar System – labelling the different planets and other parts. Include some information about the different parts of the solar system.

Optional: *if you'd like to **make** a model solar system, you're welcome to do that instead!*

DT (optional) - Textiles

In DT, we will be looking at using simple sewing techniques to create tote bags.

Practice your sewing skills by making another simple product at home – perhaps a phone or pencil case using fabric.

General Homework Policies

All tasks are solely based on revising work that has been completed in school to develop fluency in these areas. For example, if they have just learnt about adding fractions, that will be a homework task on LBQ the following week. Some tasks may be retrieving content learnt longer ago.

Homework should ideally be completed independently, but we appreciate they will sometimes need some help! If you feel unconfident in doing so, please let us know so we can support them in school.

We want to reward pupils for the effort completing homework, rather than punishing them for not completing. As a result, we'd love to give lots of house points and celebrate hand-written work in class and in assemblies. If pupils are not completing homework, this will be passed onto parents instead.

If you have any questions or suggestions, we always appreciate these. Please do speak to a member of the team.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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