

DRAYTON PARK SCHOOL

HOME LEARNING POLICY

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Introduction:

We believe that home learning can, if done right, be a very valuable part of a child's education. At Drayton Park, we strive to make home learning meaningful so it increases pupil progress and involves the child's family in ways that raise pupil engagement. We have sought to create an approach to home learning which is creative, fun, flexible and dynamic, built to suit a diverse range of home lives. We want children to enjoy their learning at home as much as they do at school, and to learn to love learning from their families as well as their teachers.

What home learning looks like at Drayton Park:

Home Learning Project:

At Drayton Park, the children's learning is linked to a theme each term. In Years 2-6, we expect all pupils to complete a home project, linked to this theme. This can be as open-ended and ambitious as the children like and they are given a number of ideas in the thematic maps which are sent home. This is completed in the first half of every term.

Writing:

In Years 2-6, we expect the children to complete at least three written pieces of work at home linked to their theme. These are specified on termly thematic maps and must be completed by a deadline set in the second half of every term.

Home Reading Journals

We invest in a scheme known as the 'Islington Reading Road Map,' in which children take home high-quality and current books to read. In Years 3-6, the children have a home reading journal in which they complete an activity once weekly linked to a reading domain. The children start this in the Summer term of Year 2.

Yellow Reading Record

The children are expected to read daily at home with an adult, leading to more independent reading at home in Years 5 and 6. They have a yellow reading record in which they need to record their reading, at least three times each week. Adults are expected to write a comment about their child's reading at home at least once weekly. In years 5 and 6, the child can write their own comment.

Doodle Maths

Doodle Maths is a captivating online maths learning space providing students with all the tools they need to be successful learners, both in the classroom and beyond. The activities are set by teachers weekly in Reception to Year 6, linked to the children's current learning and it is expected that the children complete these activities weekly, ensuring they stay in the green zone.

EYFS and Year 1

Phonics sound sheets are sent home every time a new sound is learnt. It is expected that parents and carers revise and consolidate this learning at home.

Home learning resources are made readily available for parents to take and practise with their children at home.