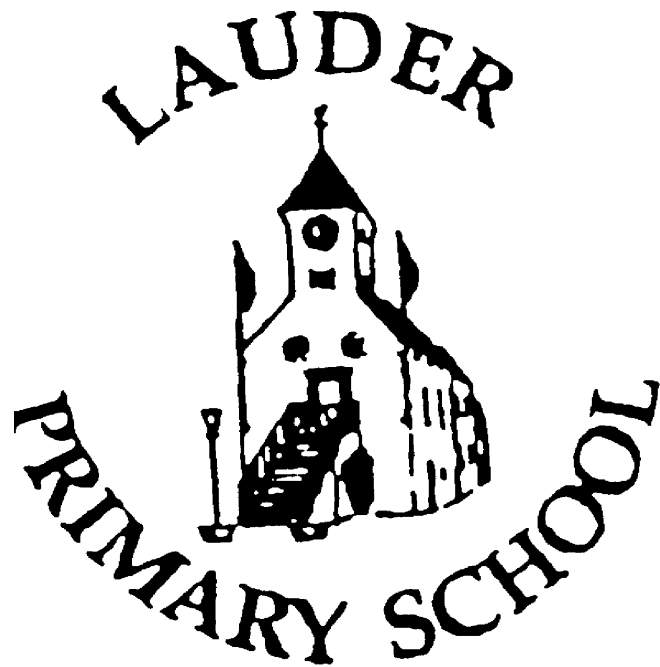


Lauder Primary School



Homework A Guide for Parents

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Parents, carers and other family members (from here on referred to as parents) can and do make a real difference to children's education.

Why is Homework Important?

Homework will help your child to:

- Learn how to organise and manage their time
- Take more responsibility for their own learning
- Practise and build on what they have learned at school
- Develop confidence to deal with frustrations, overcome difficulties and solve problems
- Learn and work independently for the future
- Share their learning with you

Did you know?

When schools and families work together, children do better.

How much homework?

- Primaries 1-3 - Tasks should be able to be completed within one hour over the course of a week
- Primaries 4-5 - Tasks should be able to be completed within one and a half hours over the course of a week
- Primaries 6 -7 - Tasks should be able to be completed within two hours over the course of a week

Did you know?

Children learn something well when they talk about it or explain it to someone else.

When is homework set?

- In Primaries 1-3 homework will be set on a daily basis or over several days.
- In Primaries 4-7, homework will usually be set over several days.

Did you know?

Children who do homework regularly throughout their time at school benefit from the equivalent of roughly an extra year's schooling.

Diaries and jotters

All homework is recorded in your child's homework diary on the day which it is given and the due date stated.

Homework should be completed in the appropriate homework jotter or worksheet and each task signed by the parent.

Did you know?

Between the ages of 5 and 16, children spend only 15% of their lives in school so supporting them at home really improves their chances of success.

Homework Tasks

The following provides a list of possible homework activities.

Spelling

Each week spelling lists from the school's spelling programme and where appropriate, varied spelling activities will be set as homework.

Reading

Reading will be an integral part of homework throughout the school. Frequency will be appropriate to age and stage.

Maths

Maths homework activities will be sent home according to the school's programme of work for maths. Practice of number bonds and times tables will be ongoing throughout all stages as appropriate.

Cross Curricular

Activities related to current classroom learning will be set throughout the year, this could include Personal Research, Art, RME, Health, etc. There could be concert scripts, songs and assembly preparation at specific times throughout the year.

Topical Issues

At various times throughout the year, activities related to festivals, current affairs and world events may be set.

Did you know?

Parents and families are by far the most important influences on children's lives.

How can you help?

- Help your child find a quiet place to work
- Make time to be involved with your child's homework
- Offer interest and support
- Sign homework tasks
- Communicate with school through homework diaries or in person as appropriate.

Further Guidance for Parents

Parent Booklets outlining the main learning outcomes for Maths and Language will be sent home each time you child begins a new 5-14 Level.

A full copy of Lauder Primary School's Homework Policy is available on request from the school.

Useful link

Parentzone www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk