

## Homework

One of the things that lots of year 6's worry about before they come to secondary school is homework! So I thought I would let you know what you can expect when you come to Langtree.

Firstly, you will get more homework than you do at primary school so it's really important that you are organised. How much homework will I get each week I hear you ask? Maths, English and science will be set each week and all of your other subjects are set every fortnight. Sometimes, you may get more or be given a project which could last a few weeks. Each piece of homework should take between 30-45 minutes to complete. In addition to this, you are expected to read for 20 minutes every day.

The most important piece of advice I can give you is to do your homework on the day that it is set. Why? Let me explain: you might get 2 pieces of homework set on Monday which are due on Thursday so you think to yourself 'I'll do them tomorrow.' On Tuesday, you get 2 more pieces of homework set but you have scouts or swimming after school so don't do them and then on Wednesday you get 2 more pieces set. All of a sudden you have 6 pieces of homework due and that can be quite stressful! So, please get into a routine of completing your homework the night it is set.

Another reason to do your homework the night that it is set is because the learning is fresh from the day's lesson. If you leave it for a couple of days you may have forgotten how to do it. You can always ask your teacher for help but they won't be very happy if you don't complete it on time. There is a homework detention every lunchtime that teachers can ask you to attend if you don't do your homework on time. It's easy: do your homework on time = no detention!

You can agree with your parents/carers when you do your homework. Some people like to do it as soon as they get home; some like to have a quick break, watch tv and then do it and some like to do it after dinner. Whatever works for you and the people you live with is fine. It's also important to have a quiet place to do your homework. Sitting on your bed might make you want to fall asleep so try to use a table or a desk if you have one!

At Langtree we use Show My Homework (SMH) to set and submit homework. You will receive login details when you start with us and your parents/carers will also be given their own login details. SMH can be downloaded onto your Smartphone, laptop or pc and you can access it at home and at school. Teachers will put the tasks on SMH and include the submission date, how long the task should take and may also include some links or attachments to help you. Once you have completed the task you need to tick it as submitted/completed. Your parents have all this information too so you can't tell them you haven't got any homework if you have because they will know!

I hope that this puts your mind at ease but if you are worried or have any questions email me at [bbelcher@langtreeschool.com](mailto:bbelcher@langtreeschool.com)