

### Ideas for Self-directed English Homework

Throughout the year, children will be taught a variety of genres. Below is a list of genres that will be covered, examples of each genre and tasks that your child could do to extend their learning at home. These are just a few ideas to help improve your child's writing – the possibilities are endless!

Genre	Recount	Report	Instructions	Explanations	Persuasion	Discussion	Narrative	Poetry
Examples	e.g. diary entry, factual based on people or events	e.g. non-chronological, news, biography	e.g. recipe, set of instructions	e.g. presentation slides, written explanation	e.g. advertising, letter, speech, campaign, brochures, leaflets, posters	e.g. balanced argument	e.g. repetitive, traditional tales, myths and legends, stories with a twist, suspense, science fiction, historical, adventure	e.g. narrative, nonsense, shape, acrostic, limerick, haiku
Ideas for tasks	Write a diary entry or recount of your day/week.	Research a famous person or an animal and write a non-chronological report on them. Write a news report about something exciting that has happened.	Make a model out of Lego and then write instructions to show how you made it.  Find out a family member's favourite recipe and write it down to share with a friend.	Create a Powerpoint presentation to explain the dangers of plastic in the oceans.	Design an advertisement for a book or film.  Write a persuasive letter to someone – a friend, member of your family or someone in the public eye.  Watch a holiday programme on TV and state which of the destinations you liked best and why. Create a leaflet or poster to advertise the destination.	Discuss people's thoughts on questions such as 'Should children wear school uniform?'	Make your own picture book or comic strip for a familiar story or for one you have made up yourself!	Write an acrostic poem. It could be about anything; your favourite colour, sport, animal, time of year.  Learn a poem off by heart and perform it to friends, family or even your class. Include actions and use expression to improve your performance.

### **Other Ideas:**

#### **Reading:**

- Write a review about a book you have read.
- Write down ten questions you would like to ask a character from a book.
- When you come across new words in a book, look them up in the dictionary. What does it mean? Where does the word come from?
- As you are reading, record any exciting words that you could use in your own writing.

#### **Spelling:**

- Play scrabble, boggle or any other spelling related game with friends or family.
- Practise your year group's spelling words (see Reading Record) in a creative way e.g. rainbow writing, in sand/paint/chalk/shaving foam.
- Make up mnemonics to help you remember how challenging words are spelt e.g. **Big Elephants Can Always Understand Small Elephants**.
- Play hangman.
- Make your own crossword to include some of your year group's spelling words.

### **Useful links:**

[www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://www.letterjoin.co.uk)

Make your own handwriting sheets or practise online. You can watch videos that show you how to form and join letters correctly.

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

Use your personal log in to access Bug Club books.

[www.purplemash.co.uk](http://www.purplemash.co.uk)

Use your personal log in to access Purple Mash. There are lots of excellent tools for you to use and explore. We recommend '2Type'.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=9>

<https://www.mrmen.com/>

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/index.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zmdj6sg>

If you have any recommendations for websites or apps that support your child's learning, please let us know so we can check them out and share them with other parents!