

CREATIVE HOMEWORK

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

We believe in fostering a lifelong love of learning for our pupils at Diamond Hall Junior Academy. Lifelong learners are motivated to learn and develop because they want to: it is a deliberate and voluntary act. Lifelong learning can enhance our understanding of the world around us, provide us with more and better opportunities and improve our quality of life.

In order to support this, we have chosen to make one of our approaches to homework more creative and to give our pupils a greater ownership over their learning at home. Research has shown when children were given this type of homework they were extremely excited and enthused and the standard of work was excellent. We understand that every child has different abilities and interests and we would like to give everybody the chance to develop their skills in their own time, excel and celebrate their achievements. As well as this, we value the on-going support that parents/carers give their children with homework and believe that the nature of these tasks provide an excellent opportunity for this.

The homework will be set every half-term and will be broken down into 12 tasks. Tasks will be decided by staff and children and each task will be allocated a number of points. The number of points will be negotiated with the children; this will hopefully give them more ownership and enthusiasm about completing their homework. Across the half term children need to score a minimum of 15 points. They can gather points any way they choose from the tasks available. To ensure that children manage their homework effectively and don't leave it all to the last week, we will build in three progress checks (dates will be on the homework task grid).

Our children are very excited about this creative approach to homework and we always look forward to seeing the fantastic work our children produce. Please remember all of the children are welcome to bring in any other self-initiated homework which they have completed, we will then work together to negotiate how many points it is worth. Children will be given a task book where any work can be recorded, this may not be appropriate for all tasks.

Children will also receive spellings and times tables regularly and reading at home should continue as normal each day. In addition to this, children may also receive online homework linked to their maths and English work.

Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you require any further information.

