

Additional tips for children experiencing literacy difficulties, including dyslexia:

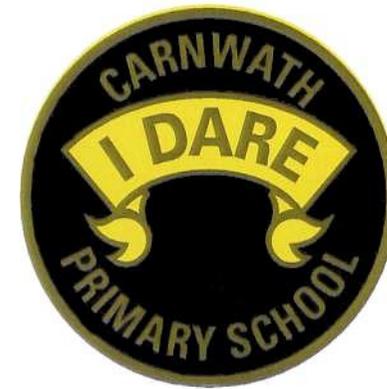
- ✓ Your child may need extra time and/or take longer to finish tasks so encourage them to do their homework in small sections over the course of the week rather than all in one night.
- ✓ Help your child to organise the things they need for their homework
- ✓ A reading ruler or using their finger to point when reading may help

Reading is particularly important for your child if they have literacy difficulties, including dyslexia. It may be something that they try to avoid because they find it difficult but daily reading practice will help your child to build up their reading speed.

Encourage your child to read **out loud** to you for 5 minutes every day. They can read anything they are interested in, e.g. book, comic. Discuss what they are reading with them.



Encourage your child to read a variety of things, e.g. books, comics, newspapers, signs. If your child is interested in a particular book but is unable to read it then please read it to or with them.



Literacy Homework Guide

It would also benefit your child to listen to audio books or ebooks.

For **written work** it may help your child to use a computer, bullet points, mind maps or for you to write their answers.

Homework is a useful bridge between school and home. The purpose of this parental leaflet is to help parents/carers support their child with literacy homework. The booklet also contains some tips for parents whose child has a literacy difficulty, including dyslexia. The strategies included here would help any child with their homework.

Homework is provided for a number of reasons:

- To encourage children to become independent learners
- To allow children to practise their skills and develop their knowledge
- To provide parents with an opportunity to engage with their child's learning



Your child's homework will be recorded in their home-school planner and will link to work they are doing in class. Its purpose may be to consolidate learning or it may be in preparation for work to be undertaken in class after the due date.

Homework setting and completion:

- Homework will be given out with a reasonable amount of time for completion.
- Homework will be differentiated to meet the needs of your child.
- Positive feedback will be given by the teacher in terms of what has been done well and how your child can improve or what their next steps will be.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's homework please do not hesitate to contact their teacher for support and advice.

General Homework tips:

- ✓ Develop a good routine of when homework is done.
- ✓ Give your child a break after school to relax before starting.
- ✓ Try to provide a quiet place and time for homework. Some children may work better with some background music rather than it being quiet.
- ✓ Sitting at a table helps.
- ✓ Encourage your child not to leave homework till the last minute - this will only cause them to become stressed.
- ✓ Make sure your child is clear about what they have to do and when it has to be completed and handed in.
- ✓ Chunk homework into small sections with breaks in between.
- ✓ Use encouragement and positive rewards for a good attempt.
- ✓ Remind your child that mistakes are okay - they are part of learning. The teacher will reinforce learning in class if your child needs support.
- ✓ Please don't do your child's homework for them but do give them suggestions and support.
- ✓ Reading practice is very important. As well as hearing your child read please discuss what they are reading in order to develop their comprehension.
- ✓ Help your child to check and edit their work as they work through it.
- ✓ Encourage your child to tick things off in their home-school planner when they are completed.
- ✓ If homework is becoming a battle and/or your child is becoming distressed try to stay calm and discuss why this is. You may want to leave the homework for another night and/or contact the teacher for advice.

