

WPS Stage 3 Homework Week 1-5

Read – 20 minutes per night.

Reading for 20 minutes every day as part of homework is a valuable practice that helps improve students' academic performance. When students read regularly, they develop better comprehension, critical thinking, and vocabulary skills, which are essential for success in all subjects.

Reading also promotes knowledge acquisition and enhances memory retention, enabling students to recall and apply what they learn more effectively. Furthermore, reading helps students expand their worldview, develop empathy, and gain a deeper understanding of themselves and others.

Therefore, incorporating daily reading into homework routines is an effective way to foster lifelong learning and encourage academic success.

Or

Listen to a podcast or Audiobook for 20 minutes

Podcast and audiobook can encourage students to develop critical thinking and comprehension skills. It provides an opportunity for students to engage with complex ideas, analyze arguments and think deeply about the content. Moreover, it allows students to learn at their own pace, enabling them to pause, rewind, and replay sections to deepen their understanding of the material.

Some suggested podcasts are

- Short & Curly

With a touch of humour and a side helping of curiosity, 'Short & Curly' focuses on ethics while exploring topics in pop culture, tech and everyday life.

- The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel

Calling all fans of 'Stranger Things'; this one is for you! The Peabody Award-winning podcast that is appropriate for middle-grade students uses a cast of actual middle school kids to tell the tale of an 11-year-old boy who goes off in search of his missing buddies

- You're Dead To Me

Greg Jenner's history podcast for the BBC, which sees the Brit comic plus guests offer a very alternative look at history.

-Tumble

If you have a budding scientist on your hands, then 'Tumble' is an absolute must. Experts in various fields stop by to discuss their work and ask questions guaranteed to inspire curious minds.

-Smash Boom Best

A debate show for kids and families from the makers of Brains On!, 'Smash Boom Best' takes two ideas, smashes them together and lets you decide which one is best.

Maths

Maths work sheet – 1 sheet per week

- Mentals and times table practice if required.

Retrieval practice is a powerful technique that can improve long-term retention and recall of mathematical concepts. This practice involves recalling previously learned information from memory, rather than simply reviewing it. Retrieval practice can help develop a deep understanding of mathematical concepts by encouraging students to think critically about what they have learned and how it applies to different problems.

The weekly maths sheet will reflect the learning that has taken place the week prior. Students will then follow this content up the following week again in class. It shouldn't be any new learning for students, instead it should just help to reinforce the concepts.

Passion project

In this project, students will identify a topic that they are passionate about and create a project that showcases their knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject. Students will then present their findings to the class, either in a written, visual, or verbal format.

Students will be given 5 hours of learning time at school to help them complete the task. This is an independent learning task that requires research, planning, and self-management.

Projects are due Friday Week 5 (26th May) and students will be presenting their projects in the weeks that follow.