

Creative Homework Challenge

We are giving children an opportunity to show off their creative skills by completing our **Creative Homework Challenge**. There is no expectation for your child to complete this but please encourage them if they'd like too. These challenges are linked to their topic. These challenges are linked to their half termly topics. Please send completed creative homework into school or post on Tapestry.

Creative homework certificates

Certificates will be given to children for the following;

Bronze - if you complete 1 piece of homework this half term.

Silver - if you complete 2 pieces of homework this half term.

Gold - if you complete 3 pieces of homework this half term.

Platinum - if you complete all homework this half term.

Menu of Creative Homework Challenge Ideas

With the support of an adult:

1. Look at the night sky and see how many stars you can see each night. Can you record the numbers?
2. See how the moon changes shapes each night. Can you draw the shapes that you can see?
3. After dark, with an adult, go on a short walk or into a garden. Take a torch to light the way. Discuss how things look different in the dark.
4. Draw a picture and write a short sentence about someone who works at night.
5. Visit the library and find a non-fiction book or a fiction book about a nocturnal animal. Bring your book into school to share with your class.
6. Design and make your own 3D rocket, planet or star.

Deneholm Primary School



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(2023/2024)

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Homework Information

Please read with your child as often as you can, ideally at least four times each week.

We will change your child's banded reading book once a week. Your child will also bring home a book from our story box.

Please make sure that both books and word wallets in your child's learning log are brought to school each day. Please record each time your child reads in their Learning Log and add your signature.

Please send any creative challenge homework into school so that we can share it with everyone and display it in school. Alternatively, post it on Tapestry. Please can adults help their child by writing down their ideas and thoughts.



Literacy

Key text: Owl babies

We shall be looking at the story "Owl babies" by Martin Waddell.

We will be continuing to learn to write our names, developing our pencil grips and using our phonics to spell CVC words like cat, mat, sat and bag.

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Maths

We are going to:

- Find totals by combining small groups of objects
- Use comparative language to spot patterns and create repeating patterns. Name 2D shapes.
- Use measuring tools in our play.
- Respond to and use the language of direction.

Understanding the World

Look at the importance of brushing our teeth and the importance of sleep.

Name and describe some nocturnal animals and birds that live in our local area and in other countries.

Physical Development

We are going to: take part in weekly coach led P.E. sessions with a focus on dance and object manipulation.

Learn to form and write letters and use scissors correctly.

Expressive Art and Design

We are going to: Explore and engage in music making by composing music to help babies fall asleep to.

Learn and sing lullabies. Improvise a song around a lullaby that we know.

Explore ways to make simple rhythms and sound effects using found materials and percussion instruments.

Develop colour mixing techniques to match the colours they want to represent such as in the night sky or Vincent Van Gogh's Starry Night.

Share our creations with others and talk about our ideas and discoveries when using a variety of media and materials.

Communication and Language

We are going to: Articulate ideas and thoughts about how locations are similar and different at night from in the daytime.

Use questions to find out more what happens in the world around us when we fall asleep at bedtime.

PSED

We are going to: Follow the 'Jigsaw' PSHE topic, 'Celebrating Differences.'

Know the importance of tooth brushing.

Show an understanding of their own feelings and those of others through reading the story, 'Owl Babies.'

