

Dear Parents/Carers,

Junior Class Homework

#choose

This year, we have offered different homework opportunities, from online maths practice using Sumdog, to creating projects, as part of our Chocolate topic.

During this term, we would like to trial a **different style of homework**. #choose offers children the opportunity to be more independent, spend and value quality time with their family and show us more about their own interests, hobbies and skills.

The children will need to do something, at least once a week, which interests them, and send it to us via email or bring photos in (whichever is easiest).

This might be:

- photos from a day out
- a book review of a story they've read
- some artwork they've made
- a story they've written
- a quick recap of something they've enjoyed or tried for the first time
- pictures of some baking they've done... the list is endless!

We would really appreciate your ideas of things that could be included in this #chooselist and/or your thoughts on homework and how we can make it work for our children.

Below is a write up from another school who have tried this idea, to give you a flavour of the reasoning behind #choose.

Kind Regards,

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Our decision was that children would gain far more from spending quality time with their families than from being swamped with homework... the idea that building confidence and security in children by giving them more quality time with the most important people in their lives would outweigh the benefits of reinforcing core subject learning.

The right to #Choose

Our alternative to homework is #Choose. We do not ask parents to drill their children with spelling lists, times tables, maths strategies, writing tasks or seemingly unending projects. We just ask that they use the time we have given them to do something as a family that nourishes their child's interests, something with an element of intrigue, challenge or meaning.

We have an ever-expanding "#Choose List", which gives families ideas for what to do. Parents and children are actively encouraged to be as expansive and creative as possible in trying new activities.

#Choose is an ethos, a culture, a way of life. Valuing time with your children is becoming deeply rooted in our families and the vast majority engage with it far more than once a week.