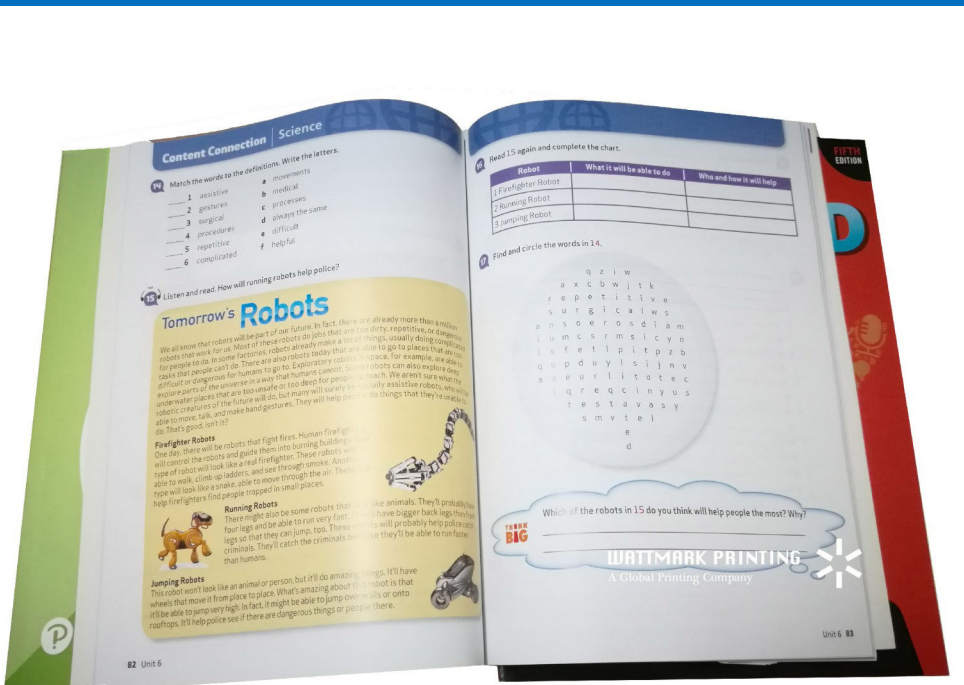




How to support your child with **HOMEWORK**



Why is your support with homework so important?

1. You can do it in the home environment.

It's a chance to stay connected to your child's learning without having to leave home, and the familiar surroundings will be comforting to your child and help them feel at ease and ready to engage with the task in hand.

2. It will help you to appreciate the demands that are placed on your child.

We tend to forget how challenging schooling can be, with so many different subjects that we're required to learn. Regular homework sessions will ensure you stay empathetic to your child as their workload and stress levels.

3. It's good to keep your brain active too.

When you use the majority of your brainpower to do a job you know well and mundane tasks like shopping for groceries, our cognitive abilities can stagnate. Taking on the challenge of homework along with your child will help keep you sharp, too!

4. It's a good opportunity to spend time with your child.

You may even find that during easier assignments, or after completion of the work, your child opens up and wants to talk to you about their life in school, so you can gain insights about their relationships with particular teachers and how they are feeling generally.

5. It's a good gauge for how well your child is doing.

You'll soon identify which subjects they struggle with and others where they rarely ask for your help. If they have difficulties grasping the concepts of particular subjects, or it may just be an area they are less gifted in – we all have blind spots.

6. You gain knowledge.

Learning new topics alongside your child can be exciting, and revisiting subjects you studied yourself but have now forgotten all about can be surprisingly satisfying, even if you have to get over an initial anxiety.

How to support your child with homework?

1.Environment – find the right place at home to do the homework. Each of us learns or works best in different ways – this may be alone in the bedroom, or in the kitchen whilst making dinner. Wherever works best for you. It will ideally be a calm bright area all set up with the tools you know you and your child may need. Keep distractions to a minimum so turn off the TV and keep the music low to help you and them concentrate on the task at hand.

2.Methods – make sure you are aware how the school is teaching your children. Teaching methods change, so don't assume you can show them how you used to do things. Ask the school for guidance if you need to.

3.Routine – some children work best after school (following a snack and short play!) while others may prefer to wait until after dinner. Whenever suits your child, stick to a regular time to keep the protests to a minimum.

4.Fuel – make sure they have had a healthy snack or dinner before working so they are less likely to be distracted. Great ideas that feed the brain include:

- Dark Chocolate,
- Air Popped Pop Corn
- Peanut Butter & Apple Vegetable Batons
- Almonds



5.Communication – find the time to discuss your child's homework with them; this will show them you think it's important, and may help them feel confident about what they are doing.

What does it look like at Etone?

Homework Timetables are set out on our website detailing when each class, in each year should expect to receive their homework, in each subject.

Here it also details how much homework and for what length of time it should last.

An example of a timetable is below:

Homework Expectations

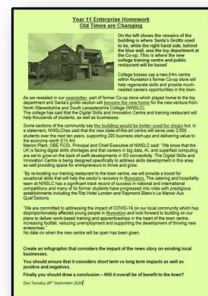
- English Maths & Science - a minimum of once a week with a duration of at least 30 minutes.
- Geography History & Languages - a minimum of once a week with a duration of at least 30 minutes.
- Art Computer Science Music & Technology - a minimum of once a fortnight with a duration of at least 20 minutes.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Set 1 (X1)	Music	Geography Maths	Science	English History Technology	Art Computer Science Languages
Set 2 (X2)	Computer Science	History Maths	Science	Art English Geography	Music Languages Technology

Pupil's homework is provided to them at the start of a lesson and is printed on yellow paper. This makes it clearly identifiable in your child's book.

If an online homework is set, there is access to computer for pupils each night after school.

Homework then plays a vital part in developing discussions in class, consolidating knowledge and preparing for the next step.



Don't Forget

1.It's your child's homework, not yours. Sometimes going through questions and explaining the solution to them can help them with their understanding of a subject they may be finding it tricky to grasp. Patience and persistence are key.

2.Try not to be persuaded to do their homework for them. This will only make them feel better in the short-term, and teachers may be confused by steep variations between class and home performance.

3.Ensure they are understanding basic concepts. For thorough understanding, grasping fundamental precepts of a subject is a better method than memorizing things rote fashion.

4.Allow them the time and space to get things wrong and to try again. Gently nudge them in the right direction whenever they're really stuck.

5.Be the peacekeeper. Keep your cool on those occasions when tensions and frustrations bubble over!



Websites and Support

SUBJECT	WEBSITES
English	https://app.bedrocklearning.org/ https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/
Mathematics	https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/ https://www.drfrostmaths.com/login.php?url=%2Fdashboard.php
Science	https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/
Geography/ History	https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/
French/ German	www.LanguageNut.com Duolingo

If you have any queries regarding homework please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your support.

