

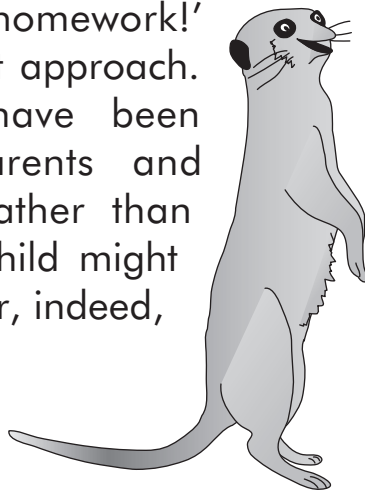


Effective Homework

Effective homework needs to fulfil two purposes:

- The activity should involve your child in explaining something they have learned at school. In sharing this, they reinforce and develop their understanding.
- The activity should be one which draws upon the situation and resources of the home. In this way, school learning is transferred to real-life contexts.

Although it may be tempting to say, 'Be quiet and get on with your homework!' unfortunately this is not the best approach. Good homework activities have been specifically designed for parents and children to share together, rather than being a solitary task that the child might just as well be doing in class – or, indeed, on the moon!



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- Do pick a good time to do the homework – preferably not in a rush, and **NOT** when their favourite programme is on.
- Allow the child to take the lead, only taking control if they are unsure, or need something reading or explaining.
- Read the notes on the sheet – often the activity is focussed on one specific skill and other skills are less important, and do not need to be fussed over!
- Be positive! Praise is much more effective as a stimulus to hard work and good learning than criticism.

Thank you for helping your child.
Everyone will see the benefits!