



Yew Class Homework Menu

This term, we continue to set project homework. This menu details a range of fun activities including oracy activities that can be completed at home to extend your child's learning. Please help your child to choose and complete a selection of these activities. To fit in with your family life, they can be completed after school, at weekends or as a half-term project. If you would like further suggestions, please feel free to select from the homework menus of other classes which are all available on the school website. Children are asked to share at least one of the activities with us in school. **The deadline for this homework is Wednesday 10th June** and we ask that the homework is not brought into class until after half-term.

English – Creative writing

Story Starter

Write a short story starting with: *"As soon as I opened the old, creaking door, I couldn't believe my eyes..."* Focus on imaginative ideas and descriptive language. Try to show emotions through actions and dialogue, without naming the emotion.

Design & Technology – Cooking and nutrition

Balanced Meal Plan

Create a simple one-day meal plan (breakfast, lunch, dinner, snack) that includes all the main food groups. Briefly explain why your meals are healthy.

Healthy Recipe Design

Invent a healthy recipe (e.g. sandwich, salad, or smoothie). List ingredients, basic steps, and explain which ingredients provide energy or nutrients.

Food Labels Investigation

Look at the label of a food item at home. Write down the sugar, fat and protein content and say whether you think it is a healthy choice and why.

Suggested Reading List

Goodnight Mister Tom – A classic story about evacuation and friendship during WWII.

Everything World War II (National Geographic Kids) – Non-fiction that explains life on the Home Front and rationing.

Light: Shadows, Mirrors, and Rainbows (Amazing Science) by Natalie M Rosinsky.

Link to books about health:

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/childrens-books-about-health/>

Science – Energy: Light and Reflection

Light Sources Hunt

Make a list of 5 natural and 5 artificial light sources. Label each and say how it produces light.

Reflection Experiment

Use a torch and a mirror to shine light onto a wall. Draw a simple diagram showing the light ray hitting the mirror and reflecting. Label "incident ray" and "reflected ray."

Reflective Materials Test

Find 4 different materials (e.g. foil, paper, fabric, plastic). Predict which will reflect light best, then test using a torch. Record your results and conclusion.

Periscope Design

Draw and label a simple periscope using two mirrors. Explain in 2–3 sentences how reflection helps you see around corners.

Art - Drawing

Create Depth in a Landscape

Draw a simple landscape (e.g. park or street) showing foreground, middle ground, and background. Use size (bigger = closer), overlapping, and lighter/darker shading to create depth.

Show Emotion and Movement in a Figure

Draw a person or character in action (e.g. running, jumping or dancing). Use body position, facial expression and sketchy lines to show movement and emotion clearly.

History – Impact of WW2 on British Public

Evacuee Diary Entry

Write a short diary entry as a child being evacuated from a city to the countryside. Describe your feelings, journey and new home.

Rationing Poster

Design a simple poster encouraging people to follow rationing rules. Include at least 3 foods that were rationed and one slogan.

Blitz Fact File

Create a fact file about the 'The Blitz'. Include 3 key facts and explain how it affected everyday life.

Compare Then and Now

Make a list or paragraph comparing life in wartime Britain with your life today (e.g., food, school, safety or entertainment).

Possible Family Trips & Visits

Imperial War Museum Duxford: WWII airfield museum with real planes and exhibits about life during the war.

Fitzwilliam Museum: Offers historical artefacts and family activities—useful for comparing past and present life in Britain.

Whipple Museum of the History of Science: Explore scientific instruments and how ideas about light and science developed over time.

Cherry Hinton Hall Park: Outdoor trails and nature learning—good for sketching.

Cambridge University Botanic Garden: Ideal for drawing plants and landscapes.

Cambridge Market Square: Explore fresh food stalls, ingredients and local produce.

Wimpole Estate: A National Trust site with a working farm—children can learn where food comes from and about nutrition.