

# Year 6 Room 1 Homework

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Devonport Primary School

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## Introduction

Overall, I was very pleased with the last week's homework. A considerable number of you made a very fine effort. For others of you, areas that require improvement are written neatness and general presentation, and proof reading for spelling and punctuation errors.

There were several children that have yet to hand in their book.

All homework is to be completed very neatly in your homework books and will be marked together on Friday after morning tea.

## 1. Critical Thinking - Consider All Factors

As part of our thinking skills work at the beginning of the term, we discussed the various factors that needed to be considered when weighing up the merits of a breakfast pill.

On an issue related to events throughout the world, I want you to consider the following statement:

**'Human Beings are by far the most dangerous animal.'**

Decide whether you think this statement is true or false. When you have considered your position, you must write at least six thoughtful statements supporting your belief.

This is probably the most challenging of all the thinking skills activities so far, so all I ask is for you to make an honest attempt. All opinions are valid and you are certainly able to discuss this with an adult at home.

## 2. Creative Thinking

### Forced Association

Over the course of the next two weeks, we will be discussing the attributes of various objects and we will be using Venn diagrams to illustrate similarities and differences between related things.

But for homework, here is something a little different! You need to think of similarities between things that are not normally associated together. On the surface an activity like this may seem a little odd, but once you've tried it you will soon realise that these activities really stretch the old brain cells; you have to analyse and recall intricate details of each item so that you can compare them. Not as easy as you may at first think!

The one we are going to begin with is one of my very favourite thinking skills activities.

"How is a cat like a dishwasher?"

One possible answer to get you underway: *Both are often active at night.*

### 3. English Skills

#### Make a Word

Add one letter at the start and one at the end to make another word. No letter's' at the end.

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| 1. air | 9. lid  |
| 2. art | 10. mar |
| 3. bus | 11. nor |
| 4. can | 12. rip |
| 5. has | 13. rob |
| 6. him | 14. rod |
| 7. woo | 15. row |
| 8. inn | 16. tan |

### 4. Mathematics Skills

#### Basic Facts

On Wednesday, we will be having our monthly basic facts test. The practice sheet is attached for you to use as revision over the next two days.

### 5. Extra for Experts

#### Figure It Out

What occurs twice in a lifetime, but only once a year, twice in a week, but never in a day?  
*(Please do not share your answer with anyone else).*