

EYFS Activity Logs – Explained!



What is the activity log?

Activity logs or spelling contracts are a valuable tool to help motivate our children to learn sounds and words. In the Early Years the activity log also includes activities to help develop fine motor control for writing.

Activity logs give children a sense of independence by allowing them decisions about how they would like to learn. The log is also designed for pupils to take responsibility for their own academic success. This is a skill that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

How does it work?

Homework will be given out on a **Tuesday** Evening. This will include a set of sounds and a list of activities that relate to a points system. **They must choose activities each week to practise their sounds.**

Once the children know their set 1 sounds they will be given key words. (The same activities apply for both sounds and key words.)

Children will have a target of **15 points**.

They can achieve their target by selecting activities from the contract. For example, they could choose one activity worth 15 points, 3 activities worth 5 points each or one activity worth 10 and one worth 5.

How do I record it?

Children can provide evidence of their work in different ways. Grown-ups can take a photo, print it and stick it into the book. It would help to provide a sentence beneath explaining which activity it is. If you do not have a camera you can simply write what your child did in the book, e.g. 'Tom zipped up his coat in 5 seconds'. Written activities can be written straight into the book. **Please send homework books back to school on Monday morning** so that they can be checked and stickers awarded.

What should I do if I lose my activity sheet?

Spare sheets are available in the classroom. Just ask a member of staff.

Rewards

Children must complete activities to total 15 points in order to earn their homework sticker each week.

- **10 bronze stickers will earn a bronze certificate**
- **10 silver stickers will earn a silver certificate**
- **10 gold stickers will earn a gold certificate**

If you have any questions please ask a member of staff.

Walkley Early Years Team

EYFS Activity logs

Target number of 15

5 points	10 points	15 points
Draw a zig-zag in mud with a stick	Dusty words - write letters in sand/flour	Sound flowers-draw a flower, write a sound on each petal and leaf
Tell your teddy a favourite story	Write a letter on your parents' back with your finger	Tell your teddy how to Fred Talk a word/name
Imitate animal noises for a grown up to guess	Rhyming string - use dog, cat, hen, you can use nonsense words!	Write 10 sounds or words in different colours
Air write a zig zag, spiral, circle-anti clockwise	Make a pasta necklace	Arrange pasta or cereal or potato letters to spell 5 words
How many pegs can you peg onto a line in 1 minute?	Hop out your name in letters 5 times	Magazine words - cut out letters from magazines to spell words
How many raisins (or peas etc!) can you pick up (using your first finger and thumb) in 1 minute?	Use play dough to form letters	Use materials to make a collage - you could use glitter or string!
How fast can you zip up/button your coat?	See what patterns you can make when threading laces through holes in the shoe	Draw 5 animals and label them - use Fred fingers
Use a paint program on an ipad/laptop to draw swirls/zig-zags/circles/patterns in colours	Cut pictures out of a magazine (to practise scissor control) and stick	Write 5 words on a phone/laptop/ipad
Use a paintbrush to paint outside with water to make large and small circles	Pom-pom words - Fred Talk 5 words with arm movements/jumps	Type 5 words on a computer/laptop and change the font/colour
Unfasten the buttons on a shirt or blouse and then try and do them up again	Sound picture – draw a sound and cover it up with small objects such as stones, bottle lids, raisins, match sticks etc	Draw around your hands and put a sound/word in each finger then cut them out