Why use a visual schedule?

Visual supports help children understand:

- what is expected of them & what they need to do
- what will be happening next
- how far through the list of ‘things to do’ they are

A visual schedule is a great way to help your child know what homework they need to complete, know what else happens before/after certain tasks (e.g. come home, then do homework) and keep track of how much homework they have left to go. This can help motivate children and make homework completion less stressful.

Preparing the homework schedule

1. Print & cut out the activity tiles (page 2), board & smiley face (page 3).
   *Laminating these is recommended to ensure the resource lasts, however it is not essential.*

Using the visual schedule

1. **Blue tack the relevant activity tiles (e.g. ‘reading’, ‘maths’, ‘home time’) into the squares on the visual schedule board** in the order that they will happen. Its okay to leave squares blank!
   *Customise the tiles on your child’s visual schedule based on the homework they have and the amount of support they need.*
   *You may choose to include non-homework activities in your child’s visual schedule (e.g. eating, playing, special activity/reward). This is particularly useful if your child finds homework difficult. Alternatively you might only include homework activities. You can also make your own tiles.*

   **Name the activity tiles to suit your child’s needs:** The activity tiles have been given names which are a suggestion of what the picture might represent, however you can change the meaning of the pictures to suit your child’s needs (e.g. you might call the ‘eating’ tile ‘snack time’, or you might use the might use the ‘finished tile to represent ‘special time’ or a ‘reward’)

2. **Move the smiley face onto the black dots beneath the board as your child starts each activity.**
Activity Tiles

(Use these tiles to represent whatever activities are suitable for your child – these names are just a suggestion)

Home time  
Story  
Reading  
Writing  
Spelling  
Writing / Match up  

Eat  
Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff  
Sound/letter  
Counting  
Maths  
Play  
Finish
# Visual Schedule Board & Smiley Place Keeper

![Visual Schedule Board & Smiley Place Keeper](image)

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