

Homework Policy

Homework is valued by both staff and parents. Homework is anything that children do outside the normal school day, which contributes to their learning in response to guidance from the school. Homework helps to develop further the valuable partnership between school and home.

Aims

- To provide a whole school approach.
- To ensure progression and continuity through school.
- To further develop the partnership between home and school in supporting each child's learning.
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding taught in class and allow children to practice skills already taught.
- To enable pupils to make maximum progress in their academic and social development.
- To help pupils develop the skills of an independent learner.
- To help children develop good work habits for the future.

Homework forms a part of our Home/School Agreement which is signed by the parent/carer on their child enrolling at our school.

Differentiation

We set homework for all children as a normal part of school life. We ensure that all tasks set are appropriate to the ability of the child. If a child has Special Educational Needs, we endeavour to adapt any tasks set so it matches the child's learning needs. Differentiation may also be by level of support offered.

Holiday periods

Homework is not set during the school holidays as we feel that the children deserve a well earned rest. However, we do encourage reading and tables to be ongoing. Year 6 children will be asked to do some homework during holidays to prepare for their tests at the end of Year 6.

Content

Homework is generally only given in Literacy and Numeracy. Reading at home

plays a vital part and every child is encouraged to read both with their parents/carers and independently, extending their school learning.

	Weekly Content	Time	Set/returned
Nursery	Weekly Talk Homework RWI support sheets	Less than 30 minutes per week	When appropriate
Reception	Short tasks connected to work in class Learning new 'red' and 'green' words. RWI sheet with new word sent home on the day learned. Reading (daily) Talk Homework	Less than 1 hour per week	When appropriate.
Year 1	Reading (daily 10 minutes) RWI (pack of sounds) Maths or Topic activity	Less than 1 hour per week	Sent out Friday return by Thursday.
Year 2	Reading (daily 10 minutes) Spelling (5 or 10 words per week) Maths Literacy or Topic activity	Less than 1 hour per week	Sent out Friday return by Thursday.
Year 3	Reading (3 x 15 minutes) Spelling (10 - 15 words per week) Maths (including 2,3,4,5,10 times tables) Reading Comprehension task	About 1 hour per week	Sent out Friday return by Thursday.
Year 4	Reading (3 x 15 minutes) Spelling (10 - 15 words per week) Maths (6 and 8 times tables) Numeracy consolidation task. Reading Comprehension task	About 1 hour per week	Sent out Friday return by Thursday. Reading check Friday.
Year 5	Reading (3 x 20 minutes) Spelling (10 - 15 words per week) Maths (7 and 9 times tables) Numeracy consolidation task. Reading Comprehension task	About 1.5 hours per week	Sent out Thursday and return by Tuesday.
Year 6	Reading (3 x 20 minutes) Spelling (15 - 20 words per week) Maths Facts (including all times tables). Numeracy consolidation task. Reading Comprehension task	About 1.5 hours per week	Sent out Thursday and return by Tuesday.

Electronic Homework (KS2)

Children will have the opportunity to extend their learning through the use of English and mathematics computer programs that are accessible from home (via the internet). Teachers will track and celebrate completion of work undertaken at home.

Homework Packs

School are committed to supporting all children with their homework. Therefore, at the start of Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5, all children are provided with a 'homework pack'. This includes appropriate equipment such as pencils, pens, rulers and crayons for completing activities and tasks. The school Stationery Enterprise Shop, open on Thursday lunchtimes, sells replacement equipment for these packs so that they can hopefully be maintained for a 2 year period until a new pack is provided by school.

This policy will be reviewed every four years.