



HOMEWORK POLICY

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As a school we actively encourage parental support and involvement in the children's learning, through activities which can be carried out by the children at home.

Purpose

- To involve parents in their child's learning.
- To reinforce the work covered in class.
- To encourage in children a sense of independence and responsibility for their own learning.

Foundation Stage and Key Stage One

At Foundation Stage and Key Stage One the purpose of sending work home is to encourage independence and to promote responsibility. It also helps to encourage a positive attitude to learning.

Key Stage Two

By establishing homework in the routine of the household, parents can help their children in meeting deadlines, finding resources and sharing books, and therefore help them to achieve success. When it is deemed helpful, parents will be given written guidance on the requirements of the homework. Where appropriate, children and parents will have the opportunity to receive feedback on the homework submitted.

The amount of time homework activities are expected to take is as follows:

Year 1 – 40 minutes per week

Years 2, 3 and 4 – 1 hour per week

Years 5 and 6 – 1½ hours per week

In all year groups we encourage children to read in school and at home for pleasure, although some homework will involve reading for specific tasks. Children in Key Stage One have reading diaries to support them with regular reading at home.

Examples of homework tasks are as follows:

Reception

- Reading and sharing books
- Phonics work as appropriate
- Topic work

Year 1 – 40 minutes per week

- Phonics work as appropriate
- Reading and sharing books
- English, maths or topic work

Year 2 – 1 hour per week

- Phonics work as appropriate
- English and maths work
- Reading and sharing books
- Topic work

Year 3 – 1 hour per week

- Reading and sharing books
- Topic work – sharing home resources and experiences with their peers
- English task
- Maths task

Year 4 – 1 hour per week

- Reading and sharing books
- Topic work – sharing home resources and experiences with their peers
- Number facts
- Maths tasks
- English tasks

Year 5 – 1 ½ hours per week

- Weekly spellings
- Reading and sharing books
- Maths tasks
- English tasks
- Topic tasks as appropriate

Year 6 – 1 ½ hours per week

- Weekly spellings
- Reading and sharing books
- Maths tasks
- English tasks
- Topic tasks as appropriate

All homework tasks are expected to be completed to a high standard and will have a deadline for handing-in. We ask that parents encourage the children to meet such deadlines and to check that work is returned as required, although it is the children who are responsible for bringing their work back to school/uploading to the Teams platform on time.