

HOMEWORK

Learning at home is an essential part of good education. Regular homework is important, since it gives pupils the opportunity to practise at home the tasks done in class, and helps them work towards improving important skills. It also encourages children to become confident and independent in their learning, which will help throughout their time at school and, later, in adult life.

Homework activities are an important part of the home/school partnership and all pupils are expected to take part in a variety of homework tasks to support their work in class.

Homework tasks can be adapted to provide support and challenge for pupils of all abilities

How can you help?

1. Try to encourage work in a quiet, calm atmosphere by switching off computer games or television during the short time your child is working.
2. Ask your child about homework so that it becomes a talking point and shows that you are interested and willing to help.

3. Try to encourage your child to read every night. It is helpful to us if you sign the Reading Record Book.

4. Use either the Reading Record Book or the Homework Diary to let us know that the work has been completed.

5. If your child is having difficulties with homework, please encourage them to talk to us or please come in and talk to us yourself.

How long should homework take?

We expect all the children to read for some time each evening and this time can be counted as part of the homework time.

We give homework tasks each week so that everyone knows when the work should be handed in. This also helps your child to organise their time as we believe that the children in our care should enjoy a full and active life both in and out of school.

Children are expected to complete and return homework by the agreed day and if not, they may be asked to do the work in break or at lunchtime.

Recommended time for homework

We expect all the children to read for sometime each evening,

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

Year R : Enjoying books together

Year 1: 10 minutes a night – can include reading, counting

Year 2: 10-15 minutes a night – can include reading, spelling, number work and handwriting

Key Stage 2

Year 3 and 4: 20 minutes a night

Year 5 and 6: 30 minutes a night

Children are expected to read for some time each evening, with Y6 pupils reading for 15 minutes. Maths and English homework is given weekly. Occasionally we give science work or expect the children to do some research for topic work or to prepare for a class assignment.

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A Guide for Parents/Carers

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