



Homework on a page 2022-23

Give opportunities for parents/carers to have an insight into what their child is learning and provides opportunities to take part in their children's education.



Reinforce learning in school, promote dialogue between parents / carers and pupils,

Develop good independent learning habits and skills

Consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding, particularly in reading, writing and maths.

The purpose of homework is to:

Develop an effective partnership and dialogue between the school and parents and pursue the aims of the school

- Encourage pupils to develop the confidence, independence, and self-discipline they will need, as they get older, to study on their own

- Extend school learning, for example through additional reading and hands on practical activities at home

How much time should be spent on homework?

Year 3 and 4: 1.5 hours a week (for English or maths on alternate weeks and for weekly assignments in other subjects). Spellings, tables and reading practice is in addition to this but included in 1.5 hours.

Year 5: 2 hours a week (a regular weekly schedule with continued emphasis on literacy and maths but also ranging widely over the curriculum).

Year 6: 30 minutes a day (a regular weekly schedule with continued emphasis on literacy and maths but also ranging widely over the curriculum).

The precise amount of time allocated to home learning will be much less important than the quality of the tasks.

Feedback

Feedback to pupils is very important and this may be given through class discussion, tests, or individual teacher comments on written assignments. The latter is very time-consuming, and this should be considered when setting tasks. Other strategies will be employed, such as asking pupils to review their work in small groups. Feedback from parents is also useful and regular dialogue with parents is encouraged through the home learning diary.

Reading - All children use a learning / reading diary to record their reading, which needs to be signed by an adult each time they listen to their child. Pupils are encouraged to read daily (10-20 minutes), at first to an adult and later privately. Pupils will receive rewards for reading at home from the class teacher.

English - English tasks are set by the year group team designed to increase and consolidate pupils' skills, share work with parents and improve independence and skills. They may include, but are not limited to: grammar activities, writing activities in a variety of genres, investigations, research, practical activities and reports on places visited.

Maths - will be set for pupils and can include, problem solving activities, mental maths skills, investigations, practical and active learning. These will all be linked to the topic areas being covered in class. The difficulty of these will gradually increase as children move through the school. Times tables will be set to be learnt each week.

Topic / Theme - Each week pupils will be asked to complete a task in line with a foundation subject area. This might include research, artwork, project work, investigations, trips or visits, reading and writing and practical activities. The topic work may also link to the English topic being taught.