



We Inspire to Aspire

Homework Policy

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Introduction

Homework is anything children do outside the normal school day that contributes to their learning. Homework includes a whole variety of activities given by teachers to support the children's learning. For example, parents or carers who spend time reading stories to their children before bedtime are helping with homework.

Rationale

Homework helps children retain and gain knowledge. It is an important extension of classroom learning. It helps to cement the ideas that children are currently learning and expands their knowledge.

Aims and objectives

- To encourage pupils to develop the skills, confidence and motivation to study independently at home.
- To consolidate and reinforce the skills and understanding developed at school.
- To extend school learning through activities such as additional reading and research.
- To develop and sustain the involvement of parents in the management of their child's learning.
- To maintain good channels of communication between home and school.
- To consolidate spellings through inspiring and creative spelling word tasks to alternate with the regular 'spelling practice exercises'/'spelling sentences'.
- To promote a love for reading and access to a wide variety of texts.

Role of the Parents/Carers

- To support the school and their child by ensuring that homework is complete.
- To provide a suitable place for children to complete their homework.
- To encourage and praise their children when homework is completed.
- To inform teachers if and why homework has not been completed.
- Sign their child's planner to show that they have completed their homework and read daily.

Role of the School

- Provide a range of homework tasks and activities to consolidate and extend learning in class.
- Ensure that the children have a clear understanding of the tasks involved.
- Give clear instructions for each homework activity.
- Provide guidance and support for children who have struggled to grasp key concepts.
- Provide a 'Homework Club' for children who struggle to complete their homework at home.
- Provide a planner for children to record their homework and home reading.

Rewards for completion of homework

Each class, alongside the class teacher, decides at that start of the year how they would like to be rewarded for completing their homework.

Procedures regarding incomplete homework

Pupils who do not complete their homework or who have not spent the recommended time trying to complete their homework will be provided with time in school to finish it, often with staff, to ensure the pupil understands and is confident regarding the homework content. Parents will be notified if their child regularly fails to submit homework or does not spend the recommended time trying to complete their homework.

Types of homework

Consolidation: Most homework will give children the opportunity to practise what they have learnt in class that week, helping the new learning stick in your child's mind.

Pre-teaching: Sometimes teachers will set homework on a subject prior to the lesson being taught, this is great for supporting your child's involvement in class and their understanding within the forthcoming lesson.

Revision: Homework may also be set to help children recall and revise previously taught learning.

Weekly Routine

Spellings & Phonics: Shared via Class Dojo on a Monday to support consolidation of the new rule or sound for the week.

Reading, Writing & Maths: Shared via Class Dojo on a Thursday for completion by the following Tuesday.

Teachers are contactable via Class Dojo or at the end of the school day to address any questions relating to homework.

Sometimes teachers may ask children to complete additional homework in order to further support or deepen their understanding.

Expectations

In addition to daily reading, children will be expected to complete the following homework activities each week set by their class teacher.

	Subject	Focus	Frequency	Communicated
EYFS	Phonics	sounds of the week	daily	Class Dojo
	Reading	tricky words of the week	daily	
	Maths	IXL task	weekly	
	Theme	activity	weekly	

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KS1	Phonics	sound of the week	daily	Class Dojo
	Spelling	rule of the week on Spelling Shed	daily	
	Maths	IXL consolidation task	weekly	
		IXL revision task	weekly	
		Times Table Rock Stars	daily	
	Theme	project	half termly	
Y2 SATS	as needed and agreed	weekly		

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LKS2	Reading	comprehension activity	weekly	Class Dojo Google Classroom
	Writing	grammar & punctuation activity	weekly	
	Spelling	rule of the week on Spelling Shed	daily	
	Maths	IXL consolidation task	weekly	
		IXL revision task	weekly	
		Times Table Rock Star	daily	
	Theme	Quiz	weekly	
French	5 words	weekly		

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Y6 SATS	as needed and agreed	weekly		