Homework

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Why do we do homework?

- It helps in consolidating and reinforcing skills and understanding.
- It extends school learning.
- It encourages pupils, as they get older, to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study on their own and prepares them for the demands of secondary school.
- It helps develop a partnership between home and school.

How much homework is given per week?

- Years 1 and 2
- Daily 15–20 minutes reading.
- Practising Key Words (where appropriate).
- Weekly spellings (in year 2, but only where appropriate in year 1).
- Maths and English activity related to the National Curriculum.
- Year 2 times tables

How much homework is given per week?

- Years 3 and 4
- Daily 15–20 minutes reading.
- Weekly spellings.
- Maths and English activity related to the National Curriculum.
- Times tables (Express Maths sheets)

Years 5 and 6

- Daily reading.
- Weekly spellings.
- 25-30 minutes of another activity – to include weekly spellings and number bonds.
- Maths and English activity related to the National Curriculum.
- Times tables (Express Maths sheets)

Daily Reading

Daily Reading, should be an activity carried out with you and your child. Your child should start by reading aloud to you for the first 15 minutes.

It is important that as a parent or carer we correct any misconceptions we might here.

It is also good practice to ask your child about what they have just read. Think of some questions that pertain to the text. What was a character feeling and how can we prove it? What is the current atmosphere in the setting and what words help us to establish this?

ALL READING SHOULD BE RECORDED IN YELLOW READING JOURNAL

Times tables

Times tables should be practiced every night with your child. This should include the memorization of number multiplied 1 through 15.

You may decide you would like to focus on one number group at a time or random questions.

Express maths sheets will be given out to each child (not for year 6) and should be completed to your descretion each evening.

It is also very helpful to verbally challenge your child. This could be done while dinner is being made or on the walk home from school.

PLEASE RECORD THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE IN THE FRONT OF YOUR CHILD'S HOMEWORK BOOK.

Spellings

Your child will be given a list of spellings related to their year group and age. These should also be practiced for roughly 10 minutes per evening.

You may decide that you child has learned a certain spelling category quite well; if this is the case, challenge and extend them with words that have a silent letter, or homonyms.

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National Curriculum

Maths

Your child will be receiving one maths activity per week.

This will rotate on a bi-weekly basis from online to written in their homework books.

These questions will usually come in the form of word problems.

Year 2 and Year 6 will be receiving SATs questions to work on at home.

English

Your child will be receiving one English activity per week.

This will rotate on a bi-weekly basis from online to written in their homework books.

These questions will pertain to reading and grammar.

Year 2 and Year 6 will be receiving SATs questions to work on at home.

Key messages:

Homework should be completed independently and with a parent/carer.

Your child will be receiving online homework and written homework on a bi-weekly basis.

Communication regarding homework can be completed in the front of your child's homework book.

Any questions?

