

Homework Policy

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Introduction

We believe that Homework is important for the following reasons:

- *It can help pupils make more rapid progress embedding classroom learning*
- *It can allow pupils to develop the skills for independent work*
- *It can allow valuable practice of skills learned in the classroom*
- *It can involve parents/carers in the pupil's work*
- *It can give opportunities for long term research*
- *It can support readiness for the next phase of education so that pupils are equipped to make the transition successfully*
- *It can help to develop responsible, respectful and active citizens who are self-motivated*

We have a system whereby the Class Teacher sets homework each week. The nature of the homework may vary between Year Groups. The table below shows the homework consistently given to each Year Group each week.

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| Year 3, 4, 5, 6 | Reading, spellings, times tables One piece of English linked to punctuation and grammar, reading or writing One piece of maths work depending on work in class 2 nd half of the year - Y6 additional revision work in preparation for assessments |
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The task selected by the teacher can be open ended to reflect the ability of the pupils. In addition, (at the discretion of the teacher) pupils may receive extra pieces of (e.g. unfinished classwork; topic, holiday project work).

How the school helps pupils organise their homework

- Pupils are given a Reading Diary for pupils, teachers, parents/carers to record progress in reading.
- Allowances are made for pupils who are unable to complete their homework in unavoidable circumstances.
- Teachers will try to ensure that the instructions concerning homework are clear to everyone in class and that pupils have the opportunity to copy down what is expected if necessary.
- Homework is recorded in a book which is sent out on a Friday and collected on a Wednesday.
- Teachers will contact parents if homework is repeatedly not done and children will complete their homework at break times.

How parents can help pupils

- Parents/carers are asked to hear their children read at least 3 times a week. Regular ten minute sessions is usually more valuable than one longer session a week.
- Parents should sign their child's Reading Diary to show that the reading task has been completed.
- Parents can try to ensure that homework is handed in on time.
- Parents can help pupils by providing a calm and peaceful working environment.
- Parental support with homework is very important for pupils but at the same time it is important that the work is the child's not the parents.