



Homework - What and When

- Reception** *Reading books changed weekly*
Weekly sound books
Weekly Home-School Maths Diary Challenge
Spellings / Rocket Words from Spring Term
Contribution to Learning Journal on-line (Tapestry)
- Year 1** *Reading books in school daily*
Reading 3 times a week for 10 minutes
Maths basic skills/facts
Spellings Weekly (10) given out Friday, tested following Friday
Rocket / CEW Words tested half termly
- Year 2** *Reading books in school daily*
Reading 3 times a week for 10 minutes
Maths basic skills/facts
Spellings Weekly (10) given out Friday, tested following Friday
Rocket / CEW Words tested half termly
- Year 3+4** *Reading books out each night*
Spellings: Sent home Friday, tested following Friday
Tables constantly learned and revised - tested weekly
SPaG and Reading sent home Friday, return by following Wednesday
Maths 5-a-day sent home Friday, return by following Wednesday
- Year 5** *Reading books out each night*
Spellings / tables out Friday - tested following Friday
SPaG /Reading /Maths sent out Friday, return by following Wednesday
- Year 6** *Reading books out each night*
Spellings / Maths Facts out Monday, tested following Monday
Maths 5-a-day sent home Monday, returned following Monday
SPaG / Reading sent out Friday, return by following Thursday

NB: *SPaG is Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation*

NB: *Although we endeavour to stick to the timetable as much as possible, there may be rare occasions when there are slight variations.*



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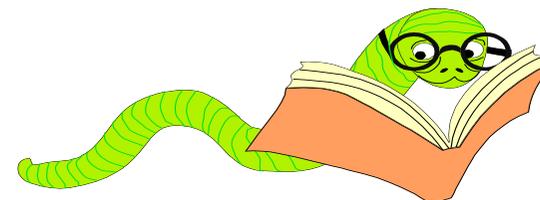
A Guide for Families

Parents are a child's first teacher and play a crucial role in helping them learn.

Children achieve more when schools and parents work together. Homework is one of the many ways in which you can support your child.

This booklet has been written to give guidance on how you can get involved and make a difference.

These guidelines are intended for parents of children in Years Reception to Year 6.



Be prepared!

School will provide.....

- A homework planning diary for children in Years 5/6
- A Home-School Reading Diary
- Reception will have a Home-School Maths Diary
- Year 1 - 6 will have Homework Books
- Reading Books

You need to provide.....

- A quiet place in which to work, and a suitable working surface. This needs to be away from distractions e.g. T.V.
- A homework kit in order to carry out tasks:

Pencil
Coloured pencils
Pencil sharpener
Ruler
Rubber



Getting stuck

If your child is having difficulties, or has been unable to complete their homework, please see the class teacher or write a note.

Please use strategies modelled on website to help with 5-a-day Maths.

We ask that children take care of any school equipment.

We also offer homework club after school. Please see your child's class teacher if you are interested.

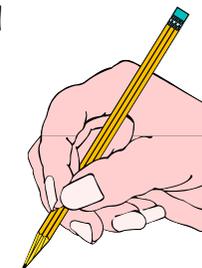
Remember....



Homework should not become laborious or a matter of anxiety for the parent and child, nor should it limit out of school activities e.g. sport, Brownies, Beavers, etc.

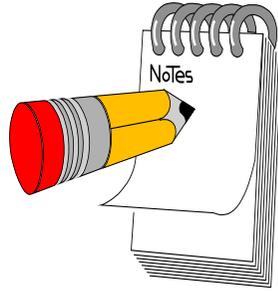
In Key Stage One, parents should aim to sign and date the Reading Diary every time your child reads.

In Key Stage Two, parents should aim to write a comment in the Reading Diary at least once a week, but more often if able.



Drafting

While we expect work carried out at home to be neat and well-presented, we do not expect children to always write in rough first and then re-draft it. It can, however, be useful for children to sometimes discuss rough notes with their parents and then re-write.



Am I finished?

In Foundation Stage most homework should take 10 minutes.

In Key Stage 1, we find homework is always best if little and often for about ten minutes.

In Key Stage 2, most homework tasks should take 30-40 minutes.

The child should always attempt to complete the task in the given time as these guidelines are intended to avoid homework becoming laborious.



Getting started

Reading books will be sent home every night and *must* be returned the following day. In KS1, children should spend 10 minutes reading at least three times a week, either to an adult, to themselves or to another older child. In KS2 the time should increase to 20 minutes.

Teachers or Teaching Assistants will hear each child read individually—this may be as part of a Guided Reading group session. This will be acknowledged in the child's Reading Diary.

Parents should sign and date their child's reading book weekly. If possible, please write a short comment as well.

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This is an opportunity to share a book with your child.

Foundation Stage (Reception)

To encourage parents and children to work together:

Children will have sound books sent home weekly

As the year progresses, reading books will be sent home each night.

Children will also have a list of 'rocket words' which they need to read and spell by the end of the Reception Year.

Parents will be asked to contribute to their child's Learning Journal - these can now be accessed on-line.



Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)

Homework in Maths and English will consist of weekly spellings, reading books and maths basic skills which will be completed in Homework books.

Activities will be designed for parents / child to work together. It is helpful if you talk to your child about the activity.



Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6)

Spellings and tables are very important and time should be spent learning these each week. The children are tested weekly.

Homework will be set in English and Maths each week.

Maths facts and 5-a-day will be completed in Homework books.

Grammar or Reading homework will be completed weekly.

It is important that you support your child by discussing homework with them, but please do not do it for them.

Looking good

In Foundation Stage, it is about the children being encouraged to take part in their homework activities.

In Years 1 - 6, neat handwriting and careful presentation should always be encouraged.

In Years 1, 2, 3 and 4:

All homework should be completed in **pencil**.

In Years 5 and 6:

Maths homework should be completed in **pencil**, all other homework in **pen**.

Homework is an extension of school work and should be treated as such.

Please ensure all homework is carried in a book bag.

