

The following policies are linked the information contained in this leaflet:

- Teaching and Learning
- Homework
- Calculation Guidance

These policies are available on our school website

## A Parent's Guide to Homework



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# Homework

**Spellings** - We look at different spelling rules each week. An activity will be sent home with your child to reinforce the rule that we have been looking at. We may ask your child to learn some words, practicing them using strategies that have been taught in class. There is a separate 'Spelling' document for parents that explains these strategies.

**Maths** - Maths homework is done in the Maths Homework book. This is brought home by your child on a Tuesday or Wednesday and is due to be handed in two days later.

**Topic** - This may be linked to work in history, geography or science. This work may be in the form of research or art/design work or may take the form of a longer project. Further information about each piece of work can be found on the school's VLE.

**Reading** - We ask that you read with your child every week and make a note of this, weekly, in your child's Reading record book. On occasion, reading comprehension homework may also be sent home.

Busbridge Junior School believes that homework is a valuable tool in the curriculum as it fulfils a number of important roles. It can be used:-

1. To support and reinforce work in the classroom.
2. To instil an attitude of self discipline towards work, and to develop further good work habits.
3. To encourage self organisation and to give strategies to complete tasks.
4. To prepare children for the increased workload at secondary school.
5. To encourage the basic skills of Literacy and Numeracy such as reading to an adult and the learning of spellings and timetables
6. To strengthen the child/teacher/parent partnership in the child's education.
7. To help raise the level of achievement of children.

## Organisation

We aim to set homework every day, except Fridays. We do not set homework at weekends or during school holidays as we believe that this is important family times.

Most homework is set and collected in within the same week but on occasion, longer projects may be set.

In years 3 and 4, homework should take 20-30 minutes as a guide and in Years 5 and 6, 30- 40 minutes.

If you find that your child has not completed their homework after this time, please do not feel that they have to spend any more time on it. You are welcome to write a note to the class teacher on the bottom of the homework.

We ask parent's to provide a homework folder for transporting paper based pieces of work to and from school. These are also available to purchase from the School Council shop. (Order forms are available in your child's class)

