



Holy Trinity
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Primary School
Northwood

Homework Policy

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Introduction

At Holy Trinity we believe that homework is an essential part of school work; that the amount set should be realistic and appropriate; and that it should reflect current educational initiatives. A Home-Link Book (EYFS/KS1) or Personal Organiser (KS2) will ensure that both children and parents are clear about the expectations for homework.

Aims

- To improve and consolidate skills in English and Maths
- To prepare children for End of Key Stage Assessments and annual tests
- To consolidate or continue classroom activities where appropriate
- To prepare children for forthcoming class topics, particularly in Science
- To encourage a positive attitude towards independent learning
- To develop a range of research skills

Objectives

- * To encourage parental participation through the use of the Home-Link book/Personal Organiser
- * To read several times a week from a school text at home
- * To learn spellings and number bonds/multiplication tables/number facts e.g. Prime Numbers
- * To set additional homework, as appropriate, and according to the targets set for a class and/or and individual, as follows:

EYFS	Build up sounds and word knowledge using word books and reading
Y1	Reading and spelling of keywords
Y2	Reading and spelling of keywords, number bonds plus English or Maths work on alternate weeks
Y3/4	English or Maths work on rotation also Reading, Spellings and Tables/Mental Maths
Y5	English and Maths work weekly, Reading, Spellings, Tables /Mental Maths
Y6	English and Maths work weekly, Reading, Spellings, Mental Maths + SATs preparation

- * To set holiday homework in KS2, which aims to prepare children for forthcoming topics in class, three times a year
- * To set appropriate revision tasks in order to prepare children for SATs at KS1 and KS2, and annual tests

Teaching and Learning

- ◇ Teachers will set homework which is suitable and realistic for their pupils
- ◇ Homework will be marked promptly wherever possible
- ◇ Work produced at home should be of a similar quality to work produced in class, and teachers will be clear in their expectations of a pupil's homework
- ◇ The homework set should reflect planning in English, Maths and Science, and, indeed, should inform future planning in these subjects
- ◇ Homework does not necessarily always have to be written, even in Key Stage 2. It might consist of learning a poem, playing maths or word games on a computer or creating a piece of artwork

Foundation Subjects Homework

- ◆ Each subject co-ordinator will give advice regarding homework in that subject if and when it is sought

RECOMMENDED TIME ALLOCATION FOR HOMEWORK		
EYFS	45 minutes per week	Reading, Maths Challenge, Storysack (Nursery), Handwriting (Reception) and Phoneme work or Sight words
Years 1 and 2	1 hour per week	Reading, spellings, other English work and number work
Years 3 and 4	1½ hours per week	English and Maths as for Years 1 and 2 with occasional assignments in other subjects
Years 5 and 6	2½ hours per week	Regular weekly schedule with continued emphasis on English and Maths but also ranging widely over the curriculum