



Shirley Community Nursery and Primary School

Year 1 Homework Information for Parents

At Shirley School we believe that homework can develop independence and self-discipline, develop time management skills, consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding, provide an enjoyable and purposeful supplement to class work. We also believe that if parents / carers are involved in their child's learning, the child will be more likely to achieve highly and reach their potential.

Setting and handing in of homework

Homework will be given to children every Friday and is due in by the following Friday.

Quantity of homework

- Daily reading – please spend a little time each day hearing your child read or ensure they read independently, discuss the book with them and ask questions. Please record your child's reading in their reading journal.
- Up to 30 minutes a week on other activities.

Type of homework

As well as daily reading and discussing of books, children will receive regular Maths, English or International Primary Curriculum (IPC) activities. This will include practice of Maths and English targets. For example, homework may be:

- Research in preparation for something they will be doing in an upcoming IPC activity
- An open ended investigation
- Further questions related to an area of Maths, English or the IPC that they have been studying in class
- Phonics or spelling practice
- Handwriting practice
- Mini projects

Supporting your child with homework

- Provide a peaceful, suitable place in which your child can do their homework alone or with the support of an adult.
- Make it clear to your child that you value homework, and that it will enhance their learning.
- Ensure your child follows the examples provided by the teacher of how to complete the homework.
- Encourage your child and praise them when they have completed the homework.
- Give due importance to non-written tasks such as hearing reading and assisting with the practise of English and Maths targets.
- Speak to the class teacher if your child does not understand their homework, or if they are absent on the day it is set.
- Help your child manage on-going homework projects over a period of time.
- Encourage and praise neat presentation.

Consequences for not completing homework

If children do not bring in their homework by Wednesday, they will be reminded on a Thursday, parents will be reminded, and if the homework is not completed by a Friday, children will spend some on Friday afternoon completing it.

Feedback about homework

Your child may receive feedback on their homework in the following ways:

- Oral feedback from the teacher given during lessons
- A smiley face next to the activity to show they have met the learning objective for the homework, or a straight lined face to show they are still working towards the learning objective
- Ticks for correct answers, or dots for incorrect answers
- Short comments on their work.

Children will either bring their homework home, use it in further class work, or have it displayed in the classroom.

Expected standard of homework

Children should take pride in their homework and complete it to the same standard that they would complete their work in class. The Nelson handwriting scheme should be followed, and children will be given a line guide to keep at home. Homework should be completed in pencil. Spelling and punctuation should be as accurate as possible. The recommended time of up to 30 minutes should be spent on homework activities to ensure they are completed to a high enough standard.

Resources that will help your child

The following is a list of items that you may wish to keep at home as they will support your child with weekly homework activities and mini projects:

- a pencil, pencil sharpener and rubber
- a ruler
- a set of coloured pencils or felt tips
- a pair of scissors and a glue stick
- a small whiteboard, whiteboard pen and rubber

Further homework activities

If you would like suggestions of other activities you could do that will support your child's learning please see the Year 1 Newsletters and the Year 1 section of the website:

<http://www.shirley.cambs.sch.uk>

Thank you for your support with homework. If you have any further questions please see your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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