



Harbury CE Primary School

Homework Policy

Why do we set homework for our children?

Homework is set for a number of good reasons:

- It provides a valuable partnership between home and school, enables parents to enrich their child's learning journey
- It should help to inspire and motivate children to be life-long learners
- It helps children consolidate and **reinforce skills and understanding** covered in school
- It extends their learning.
- The habit of doing homework helps children learn to organise their time
- To encourage pupils, as they get older, to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study with increasing independence, and prepare them for the study skills needed in the next phase of their education.

How much time should be spent on home-learning?

As a **guide**, home-learning (**including reading**) should take the following amounts of time:

Reception: 5-10 minutes a night, when possible

Year 1: 1 hour spread over the week

Year 2: 1 hour spread over the week

Year 3: 1.5 hours spread over the week

Year 4: 1.5 hours spread over the week

Year 5: 2 hours spread over the week

Year 6: 2.5 hours spread over the week.

Reception and KS1

For children of this age, the emphasis is on reading. There is an expectation that parents/carers will read with their child as close to **daily** as possible. Books will be changed on a Thursday and given back to children on a Friday. It's important to re-read books so children become more fluent with what they are reading. Books are matched to our phonics scheme RWI. Please share other books and stories with your child. Harbury library is a perfect place to choose new books.



Years 1-6

Teachers will set out their expectations for homework each half term in the curriculum newsletter.

The main focus will be linked to their learning in class. They may complete retrieval activities. Homework should be completed to the same high standards that we expect of work done during school time.

Homework will be set via Class Dojo and can be returned in the same way. Homework books are available for children in Key Stage 2. In year 6, as they approach their SATS, parents will be asked to help contribute towards CGP books which are very useful for homework.

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/>

Homework – help for parents and carers

Homework is set to help your child and we ask that you support your child with tasks by helping them choose an appropriate time and place to work

It is useful for teachers to see the process the child has undertaken – please encourage your child to show these and not to present just the completed task.

The school actively encourage parents to give their feedback to teachers on the completion of homework tasks. Please make a note on the homework if your child has needed support for the homework.

Reading

In addition to set tasks, we expect children to read daily at an age appropriate level. The research has shown that 20 minutes a day exposes children to a large range of vocabulary and improves reading fluency.

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and scores in
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and scores in
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and scores in
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987

 **SCHOLASTIC**

Reading should be a pleasure so please encourage them and try to find a bit of time to enable them to be read to and to talk about what they are reading. In Reception and Key Stage 1, we would expect parents to record reading in their child's reading in the reading record. By Key Stage 2, children should be able to record their own reading their reading record. Please record all reading whether it's books, magazine, journals, recipes etc..

Thank you for your support of the homework policy. Parent and pupil views are greatly valued and are taken into account when reviewing our homework policy.