



Homework Policy

Introduction

At Highfield Primary School homework is valued. It is recognised that homework:

- promotes positive attitudes to work and school
- creates a link between home and school
- provides opportunities to practice and consolidate key skills prepares children for the transfer to secondary school

Format of homework

During term time, on a weekly basis, homework tasks will focus on the key skills of reading, grammar & punctuation and practice and retention of spellings, number facts and arithmetic. Homework is set on online learning platforms such as Active Learn, School Jam, Purple Mash and Times Tables Rock Stars and should be completed on the computer or tablet. Teachers will send a communication about homework weekly on Class Dojo.

Roles and responsibilities

The role of teachers

- To plan homework which is appropriate to the age and ability of the child
- To explain the homework to the children
- To ensure weekly term time homework builds on learning that has taken place in class
- To set homework each Friday
- To provide an explanation of the homework for parents each week on Class Dojo
- To test spellings and number facts weekly
- To provide a suitable reading book and reading diary

The role of parents

- To provide a comfortable, quiet homework area away from distractions
- To provide encouragement and support for homework efforts
- To sign and add comments in the daily reading record

The role of pupils

- To listen when the teacher explains the homework
- To ask for help from teachers and parents if necessary
- To attempt homework with maximum effort and to the best of their ability

Homework programme

A programme of homework has been drawn up to ensure continuity and progression throughout school and consistency in the setting of homework.

Reception reading, key words, phonics, number activity

Year 1/2 reading, phonics/spellings (up to 10), grammar, number facts

Year 3/4 reading, spellings (up to 10), grammar, number facts

Year 5/6 reading, spellings (up to 10), grammar, arithmetic, number facts

Time expectations

Time taken to complete homework should be in the region of:

Reception – year two – 1 hour per week

Year 3 & 4 – 1.5 hours per week

Year 5 & 6 – 1.75 hours – 2.5 hours per week

Monitoring and review

This policy is monitored by the Headteacher who has responsibility for curriculum management, with reports to the governing body on request.

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