

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to let you know about some changes to our approach to homework.

We have recently reviewed our Homework Policy to ensure that homework is purposeful, manageable and supports the learning taking place in school. We also want expectations to be clear and consistent for children and families across the school.

Reading – our main priority

Reading regularly at home remains one of the most important ways you can support your child.

We expect all children to read at least three times each week at home. These reads should be recorded on BoomReader, our online reading record. BoomReader allows parents/carers and school staff to communicate about children's reading and helps us to ensure that children are receiving the right support.

Children are also strongly encouraged to read for pleasure. This might be a book from home, a library book, a comic, magazine or another text that interests them. Reading for pleasure can also be recorded on BoomReader.

For children who are learning phonics, they will bring home a phonics-stage reading book matched to their current learning. They will also have opportunities to take home a shared reading-for-pleasure book to enjoy with an adult.

Weekly homework

Years 1-5

Children in Years 1–5 will receive a homework menu covering a half termly period. The menu will contain a range of activities from Maths, English and Foundation subjects, giving children some choice over what they complete and the order in which they complete it.

Children should complete and submit at least one homework activity every Friday. Each activity should be ticked and dated once it has been completed.

Across the half term, we expect children to choose a good range of activities from different subjects, rather than focusing on just one area.

We would also love children to be creative with how they complete and present their homework. This might include drawings, photographs, models, posters, writing or even their own ideas for demonstrating what they have learned.

All homework should be completed with care and pride, with children always aiming to produce work that reflects their very best standard.

Year 6

As children prepare for the transition to secondary school, expectations will increase. Year 6 pupils will receive one English and one Maths homework task each week, alongside the expectation to continue reading regularly. Children will be expected to spend time in their break time to complete any missed homework.

Supporting your child

Homework should reinforce learning and help children develop positive habits, confidence and independence. We encourage parents and carers to take an interest in homework and discuss learning with their child, while allowing children to complete as much as possible independently.

We recognise that family life is busy, and our aim is not for homework to become a burden. We want it to be meaningful and achievable, while providing valuable opportunities to practise and consolidate important knowledge and skills.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. By working together, we can help our children develop positive learning habits both in school and at home.

Kind regards,

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