



WATER ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework Policy

- At Water Orton Primary School we set homework for children in all year groups in order to allow children to extend their school learning.
- At Water Orton Primary school we value strong and effective home school links. Homework is one way in which parents can support their children to do well in school.
- Parents are encouraged to support their children by helping with homework as much as possible, especially in the early years of primary school. As children get older and gain in confidence, maturity and independence, homework tasks become more challenging and a more independent approach is encouraged.

The Homework Policy is based on the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) findings from their analysis of research on homework in schools.

Expectations

Children are expected to:

- Listen carefully to instructions about homework
- Take home any books, sheets and equipment needed to complete homework
- Bring back any books, sheets and equipment needed to complete homework
- Hand their homework in on time
- Ask for help if they need it

The school will:

- Provide resources needed to complete homework
- Set homework that provides opportunities for children to: practise work they have done in school, consolidate new skills, research topics or widen their experiences.
- Set homework with an appropriate level of challenge.
- Ensure that clear routines for homework are established at the start of each school year. These will vary as the children move through the school and gain in independence and maturity but will rarely change within a school year.
- Give feedback on homework where this is appropriate. Ensure that written homework is marked. When children work hard and try their best this will be recognised and appreciated.
- Recognise that there is a life beyond school and homework. There will be an expectation by the school that homework will be completed, but we do know that circumstances will, at times make this impossible.

We ask parents to:

- Show an interest in homework, be encouraging, give praise and be positive.
- Help to organise your child's time.
- Record home reading on the reading log.
- Provide a suitable environment for your child to complete their homework. Try to find a quiet time and check that your child has the equipment they need (e.g. pencil, ruler, rubber)
- If there is a problem, speak to your child's class teacher.

Homework Routines and Progression

Evergreen

In Evergreen homework will be set on an individual basis to meet the needs of children. Routines and timings will remain flexible throughout the year.

Reception and Year 1

- In reception and year 1 children should read with an adult for 10 minutes at home every day.
- This might include some phonics practice.
- Children in reception are likely to need support from an adult for all homework.

Year 2

- Children in year 2 should read with an adult for 10 minutes at home every day.
- Children in year 2 will also be given a selection of OPTIONAL homework activities from which to choose at the start of each half term. These are based on the topic and include ideas from a range of subject across the curriculum as well as Maths and English tasks.
- There is no expectation for children to complete all the homework tasks – although they may wish to.
- A homework task should take around 20 minutes to complete.
- Children in year 2 are likely to need support from an adult for much of their homework. As they become more confident, more independence should be encouraged.

Year 3 and 4

- Children in year 3 and 4 should read with an adult for 15 minutes at home every day. This is in addition to any independent reading that children do.
- Children in year 3 and 4 will be given a selection of OPTIONAL homework activities from which to choose at the start of each half term. These are based on the topic and include ideas from a range of subject across the curriculum as well as Maths and English tasks.
- There is no expectation for children to complete all the homework tasks – although they may wish to.
- A homework task should take up to 30 minutes to complete.
- Children in year 3 and 4 are likely to need less support from an adult for some of their homework. It is fine to help them to get started and support them if they do need help.

Year 5 and 6

- Children in year 5 and 6 will be given a set of revision books in which to complete set pieces of homework. The school will provide these books but should they be lost or damaged, parents or carers will be asked to cover the cost of a replacement.
- Tasks from the books will be set by class teachers on a weekly basis for children to complete at home. Books should be returned for marking each week.
- A homework task should take up to 40 minutes to complete.
- Children in year 5 and 6 are likely to need less support from an adult for some of their homework. It is fine to help them to get started and support them if they do need help.
- In the summer term project work linked to the topic of study will be set for year 5 and 6 pupils.
- Children in year 5 and 6 should still read with an adult for 15 minutes at home every day. This is in addition to any independent reading that children do.

Inclusion

All children will be expected to undertake the above activities at their appropriate level. Children with Special Educational Needs may have specific activities linked to their own learning.

Written and Reviewed by Standards Team

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