



HOMEWORK POLICY

➤ Why do we feel that Homework is important?

Homework is an important part of the school work, acting as an extension of the school day, and allowing the teachers to assess the learning of the children.

Homework is used to:

- a. Re-enforce work done in the classroom
- b. Help assess the learning and progress of each child
- c. Introduce new ideas
- d. Challenge the children.

➤ What and how much homework can you expect your child to have?

Homework will normally be set by the class teacher on a weekly basis, although other teachers taking specific lessons may set extra tasks.

Year 3:

- Read every night
- Spellings will be set weekly, usually on a Friday for handing in following Wednesday
- Weekly Numeracy work
- Weekly Literacy work, which could often involve handwriting homework
- From time to time they may be given Topic work, either as well as or instead of any of the above.

Year 4:

- Weekly work set for:
 - Multiplication tables
 - Spellings
 - Numeracy
 - Literacy
- Reading every night.

Homework for Years 3 and 4 should not take more than 20-30 minutes on any given night to complete.

Year 5:

- 12 spellings every week
- English, set on Monday, for handing in the following Monday
- Mathematics, set on Friday for handing in the following Friday.

It is expected that each of the above should take the children about 30-40 minutes to complete.

Year 6:

- 10 spellings every week
- English, set on Friday, for handing in following Friday
- Mathematics, set on Friday, for handing in following Tuesday
- Science, set on Tuesday, for handing in on Thursday.

The expectation is that the boys should be working for about 30 minutes per weekday night to complete all the homework set for that week.

From time to time, boys in Years 5 and 6 may be set further, such as researching for their topic, preparing for an assembly or debate, or writing a short-story or poem.

- **Music Practice:** As well as the above, if a boy learns a musical instrument, they are expected to do regular practice. It is recommended that just 10 minutes practice every day, 6 days a week, is better than one hour-long practice at the weekend.
- **Homework detention:** Failure to hand in or complete a piece of homework will more than likely result in the boy being placed in 'Homework detention' that week, which will take place one day after lunch. He will be expected to complete the work then. A letter will be sent to parents to inform them of this sanction.

Each boy will be given a 'message book' which he will carry around with him at all times. This will be used for recording homework on a regular basis, but parents may wish to use it to relay messages or information back to the teacher in the case that they are unable to speak with them or make other contact with them that day.

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