

Lingfield

Primary School
Partners in Learning



Homework Policy

Information For Parents

WHY HOMEWORK IS IMPORTANT

Homework is valuable for the following reasons:

- It will help children to make more rapid progress in learning
- It encourages children to develop the practice of working on their own
- Work at home can provide the quiet and private conditions needed for creative and thoughtful work of all kinds
- It will allow valuable practice of skills learned in the classroom
- It gives children valuable experience of working to deadlines
- It forms a link with the methods of study crucial to success at secondary school
- It will involve parents and give mutual benefit
- It helps to keep parents informed about their children's abilities

THE NATURE OF THE HOMEWORK

The nature of the homework will vary between year groups. Homework missed due to absence on the set date does not normally have to be completed. Homework during school holidays will depend on age of children and teachers' discretion. Homework will not be given to cover for missed work and lessons when you take a family holiday during term time. In the exceptional circumstance of your child failing to do the set homework, a letter should be sent to the class teacher.

Reading books are taken home as a matter of course by every child every day. Children should read at home each evening. The amount of time will depend on other work to be completed, how tired your child is and their age. If insisting on making your child work in the evening is going to be counter productive, then don't do it; but do let the class teacher know.

Foundation Stage

Regular activities linked to sounds and letters throughout the autumn term. In the spring term the children begin to work on learning the reception high frequency words. Throughout the year parents are given many suggestions on how they can support their children. (Recommended homework time: 50 minutes per week.)

Year 1

At the start of the year homework will be the same as in the Foundation Stage. This will move into some set English and number tasks (e.g. spellings, learning number bonds). Homework will also include research into other subjects. There will be a balance between practical and more formal activities. Reading cards with activities will go home with home reading books. (Recommended homework time: 1 hour per week.)

Year 2

English and mathematics activities set every week. The activities may include games. Homework will include 'research work' from time to time. (Recommended homework time: 1 hour per week.)

Year 3 and Year 4

Spellings and maths facts will be given every week and one other assignment to include English, mathematics or a 'Context for Learning' task. (Recommended homework time: 1.5 hours per week.)

Year 5 and Year 6

Regular weekly schedule with 'Context for Learning' tasks, mathematics and spellings. (Recommended homework time: 2.5 hours per week.)

All children

All children are expected to take home their reading book each day and read at home appropriate to their age and ability.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP WITH HOMEWORK?

- Help your child organise his or her time to best advantage so that things are not all left to the last minute or even forgotten.
- Try to make sure that there are suitable working conditions at home. Make sure the television is turned off and that there are no other distractions.
- Take a positive and active interest in your child's work at home rather than just insisting that it is done.
- Let us know if there are problems with homework that you cannot resolve. Perhaps your child seems to be doing too much, or not enough, or is finding it too easy or too difficult. Contact the class teacher in the first instance who will be glad to help.
- Although you might assist in some way please do not do your child's homework for them.
- Do not allow your child to print off information direct from your home CD ROM or the Internet. This is NOT their work and there is very little (if anything) to be gained from this.

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