

Dear Parents and Carers,

Homework plays an important role in supporting your child's learning and is a key part of their educational experience. As a school, we aim to set homework that is purposeful, engaging and developmentally appropriate. To help explain this approach, we would like to share the rationale and benefits of homework, along with evidence from educational research.

The Importance of Homework

Homework is set to support and extend your child's learning outside of the classroom. When designed thoughtfully, it reinforces classroom teaching, helps build effective study habits, and prepares children for future learning challenges.

Why We Set Homework

We set homework to embed and strengthen what has already been taught in school, helping knowledge and skills to "stick" over time. It also supports the development of independent learners who can take responsibility for their own learning and approach new challenges with confidence.

What the Evidence Says

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF), a respected UK education research charity, has reviewed evidence on homework as part of their Teaching and Learning Toolkit. The EEF's findings suggest that homework has a positive impact on pupil progress, particularly if tasks are closely linked to classroom learning and provide opportunities for practice and reinforcement. There is evidence that homework is associated with improved outcomes. Focused tasks that relate directly to classroom teaching and built on in school are most effective.

This evidence supports homework that is meaningful which is why we, as a school, set revision and key skills homework and emphasise quality over quantity. The research also highlights the value of homework as a tool for building good study habits and helping children consolidate their learning.

Academic Reinforcement

Homework helps children revisit key skills and deepen their understanding of fundamental concepts. By practising what they have learned in school at home, pupils strengthen their recall and confidence, which supports progress in future lessons and assessments.

Skill Development

Through homework, children develop important skills such as self-discipline, organisation, responsibility, and perseverance. These habits of independent learning are valuable throughout life, helping children manage tasks and solve problems effectively.

Assessment and Feedback

Homework offers teachers insight into how well children are understanding their learning. It helps us identify areas where additional support may be needed and enables more personalised feedback to support progress.

Type and Quality of Homework

We aim to set homework that is:

- **Meaningful:** Linked to classroom learning and purposeful in nature
- **Manageable:** Appropriate in volume and suitable for your child's age
- **Differentiated:** Tailored to support all learners
- **High quality:** Clear instructions with feedback where appropriate

Well-Being and Family Time

We recognise the importance of balancing homework with life outside school. Homework should complement, not overwhelm, family life. It should not take away from time for play, rest, hobbies, or family activities. We carefully consider our expectations to ensure homework remains a positive experience.

Parental Partnership

Homework offers an opportunity for parents and carers to gain insight into school learning and to support children in their progress. We warmly invite you to review your child's work, celebrate their achievements, and communicate with us if you have any questions, feedback, or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure homework remains a positive, purposeful, and manageable part of your child's educational journey. If you would like to discuss homework further, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.