

Homework Statement

During the school day the children are all busy learning new knowledge and skills. We believe that children can extend and enrich the learning experience beyond the classroom with some activities at home.

Homework should not be a burden for parents/carers. It should never cause emotional or physical fatigue, create negative attitudes to learning or limit leisure time for children.

The main purpose for homework is to foster growth and improvement by consolidating their new knowledge and practising skills and techniques. This is particularly true when reading daily with your children. As a school we do not set huge amounts of homework but our minimum expectation is a daily reading session with your child at home.

Daily Reading:

EYFS and KS1 (minimum 10 minutes)

- Go over the new sounds the children have been taught that day (this is in their phonics booklet)
- Read the fully decodable book in their bookbag (your child will have read this book in class and should know all the sounds)
- Share another book with your child that is at a similar level to which they are currently reading (they may not be able to read all the words but should be able to have a go at many of them)
- Access your child's Bug Club account for a range of other appropriate books that have a variety of activities to help develop your child's understanding of what they are reading (comprehension)

KS2

- It is still important to spend time reading with your children
- As children develop more confidence with their reading ability the focus of your reading time moves away from decoding to achieving a deeper understanding of the text that is read. It is also an opportunity to discuss the language used by the author. These sessions are aided by the targets on the front of their reading cards
- Bug Club continues to stretch children's comprehension of the text they are reading through use Bug quizzes.

Online Practice of knowledge and skills:

As a school we subscribe to a number of online resources that the children can access at home. These resources help children build up their fluency in specific areas of the curriculum:

- Numbots – reinforce and improve addition and subtraction facts (up to 20)

- Times Tables Rockstars - reinforce and improve times table knowledge
- My Maths – reinforces all mathematical learning
- Bug Club – develop reading comprehension
- Purple Mash – revisit computing learning (but they have access to so much more)

On occasion the class teachers may set a 'making' activity for homework. This is supposed to be a fun task to do and has multiple benefits.

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