



Homework Policy

'Stay alert and hold firmly to all you believe. Be mighty and full of courage. Let love and kindness be the motivation behind all that you do.' 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Homework is anything children do outside the normal school day that contributes to their learning, in response to guidance from the school. Homework encompasses a whole variety of activities instigated by teachers and parents/carers to support the children's learning.

Purpose of homework

At Brimscombe C of E (VA) Primary School we believe the aims and objectives of homework are:

- to help pupils develop the skills of an independent learner;
- to consolidate and reinforce the learning completed in school
- to enable some aspects of the curriculum to be further explored directed by the child.

Homework can be an enjoyable way for parents and carers to become actively involved in their child's education. Most homework is designed to be shared with parents or other members of the family. It's a good way for parents and school to work closely together. We very much expect children to complete their homework.

Year Group Expectations

Reception (EYFS)

- **Daily reading** at home is encouraged, with parents/carers signing reading records. Parents/carers are encouraged to read with and to their child/children e.g. bedtime stories.

Year 1 and 2

- Daily reading will be expected and encouraged to happen, with parents recording when their child has finished reading a book. Parents are encouraged to read with and to their child/children.
- A maths homework will be set weekly. This will reinforce learning from the week or from previous learning.
- Weekly spelling lists will be shared with parents and carers to support their child. Children will not be tested on these but we work on spellings regularly in school.

Year 3, 4 and 5

- Daily reading will be expected and encouraged to happen, with parents signing reading records when their child has completed a reading book in Year 3. Parents are encouraged to read with and to their child/children. Children are encouraged to log their own reading.
- A maths homework will be set weekly. This will reinforce learning from the week or from previous learning.
- Weekly spelling lists will be shared with parents and carers to support their child. Children will not be tested on these but we work on spellings regularly in school.
- Teachers will prepare a menu of activities and children will be expected to complete one a week and they can choose those which appeal to them! Included in these activities will be a hands-on project, to be completed with family members.

Year 6

In Year 6, we are beginning to get our children ready for the homework expectations at secondary school.

- Children will be set one piece of homework each week that will be completed on paper in their homework books – this will usually be Maths or English based work. This homework should take around 30 minutes to complete and will always include challenge tasks to take children further if needed.
- Children will be expected to read regularly and will record their reading in their reading record.

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- Children in Year 6 will also be expected to practise spellings at home – these will be sent home each week along with the homework and will be words selected from the National Curriculum Y5/Y6 statutory spelling list.

When will homework be set?

The class teacher will decide upon a set day each week for homework to be handed out and a set day each week for homework to be handed in. This day will remain the same throughout the school year (notification will be given if the day needs to change for any reason). No homework will be given during the holidays.

Feedback for homework

Homework will normally be completed and returned in homework books. Homework might also be sent electronically from home or it might be something brought into school that's been made at home. Homework will be positively acknowledged by teachers but we do not expect our teachers to mark homework.

Special Educational Needs (SEND)

Some children have 'My Plans.' These are educational plans written for individual children to meet their learning needs. They include suggested activities to support your child. As part of a 'My Plan', children may be given alternative reinforcement activities to complete at home. These may include spellings, learning words, maths skills.