

HOME LEARNING POLICY



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Homework can be a valuable aspect of school life. This policy outlines our view of homework and the part parents can play in enabling their children to achieve the best they can whilst at Victoria Road Primary.

Why we want to encourage homework

Homework can be valuable in:

- Developing an effective partnership between the school and parents and other carers in pursuing the aims of the school.
- Consolidating and reinforcing skills and understanding, particularly in English and Numeracy.
- Exploiting resources for learning, of all kinds, at home.
- Extending school learning, for example, through additional reading.
- Encouraging pupils as they get older to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study on their own and preparing them for the requirements of secondary school.

What Homework Will Your Child Be Expected To Do?

The most important thing each child can do at home is reading. At an early age, this will mean sharing books with parents. When the children are independent readers, parents can still discuss the book the child is reading and help them with their comprehension and enjoyment of it.

In addition, supporting children to learn key number facts such as times tables is really useful. Helping children learn their weekly spellings is also invaluable support that parents can provide.

Weekly expectations are set out below. Children may also be set other homework to support their learning.

Reception year: Practise RWI sounds and read at least 3 times a week. Sing songs and rhymes with your child.

Year 1 and 2: Log onto Numbots and practise. Read at least 3 times a week and have a parent record this in your reading record. Practise spellings when sent home.

Years 3,4,5,6: Log onto TT Rockstars and practise. Read at least 3 times a week and ask a parent to sign your reading record to show this. Practise spellings when sent home.

What the school will do to support homework

As a school, we will:

- Plan in homework as part of the curriculum.
- Ensure that children receive feedback about their homework.
- Offer advice and support to parents and children on ways to do homework.
- Ensure that homework is matched to the needs of the children.
- Teach the children how to use Microsoft Teams where appropriate.

What does the school ask of parents?

To help the children with their homework, we would ask you to:

- Encourage children and praise them when they have completed homework.
- Make sure they have a settled, peaceful place to complete their homework. Writing is best done at a table.
- Support the children with their homework, especially in their younger years but allow them to complete it themselves.

In order to support year 6 children to be ready for secondary school, they may be asked to complete homework in school if it is not done at home.

If your child is finding the homework difficult, or you are not sure what they need to do, just bring it back to school and talk to the teacher about it. The teacher can either clarify the task or adapt the homework.