

The Purpose of Homework



Reading

We ask that all children read at **least 4 x per week** at home. These reading sessions should be logged in your child's **Homework Diary**. Your child's Diary should be in school every day as staff will write in them too. **Children in Reception and KS1** will bring home a book linked to their phonics learning and a book for pleasure to share. **Children in KS2** will choose their own reading book from our libraries.

Homework

The link between home and school

We believe that homework is an essential part of children's learning; we also believe that children need time to relax and unwind and pursue other interests such as sport or music. Therefore, homework set is intended to be purposeful, not onerous or time-consuming.

Our children are encouraged to establish good homework habits right from the start.

Maths and English

In **KS1 and KS2** each week, your child will be set one **piece of maths homework and one piece of English**. These are designed to cement what is learnt in class or to practise skills they have.

We ask that the work is completed and brought back into school as directed. The work will be marked with the children so the teacher can go over any parts that they may have found tricky.

In Reception, maths homework will be sent once a week as soon as the children are ready.

Spelling

In Reception, children will receive phonics homework and eventually, spellings also. This will be once a week.

In KS1, children will receive between 5 and 10 spellings each week, linked to their work in phonics.

In KS2, children receive a **minimum** of 10 spellings each week following the spelling rule they have been learning. They may also receive extra words linked to science or topic vocabulary.

Additional Benefits

- Increases **memory** power
- Improves **thinking skills**
- Enhances **concentration**
- Promotes **self-discipline**
- Develops **independent learning skills**
- Practises **key skills**
- Creates a bridge between **home and school**