

# The Purpose of Homework



## Homework

The link between home and school

### 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.

### Times tables

Each week, your child will be set **one piece of homework related to times tables**. This will help them build confidence and fluency with their multiplication skills, which are essential for many areas of maths.

### Project!

**Each half term**, children will be given an **optional project** to complete at home. This project will be based on a topic they are learning in class, and a range of creative ideas will be provided to inspire their work. These projects are a fantastic opportunity for children to explore the topic further in a fun and imaginative way. Participation is entirely optional, but we encourage children to get involved and showcase their creativity!

### 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

- 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**

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.