



Stoke Canon: Homework Policy

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What is homework?

“Homework” refers to any work or activities which pupils are asked to do outside lesson time, either on their own or with Parents or Carers.

Why do homework?

- To give children the opportunity to practise and consolidate their learning; both skills and knowledge
- To extend school learning.
- To encourage self-discipline and perseverance.
- To help children to develop confidence
- To inform parents and other carers of approaches and techniques used in school.
- To help parents and other carers to understand more clearly what their children are learning in school.
- To develop further our links with parents.

The aims of this policy are:

- To ensure consistency of approach to homework throughout the schools
- Extend opportunities for learning
- To ensure progression towards independence and individual responsibility
- To ensure the needs of the individual pupil are taken into account.
- To extend and support the learning experience
- Make expectations about homework clear to children, parents and other carers.
- Improve the quality of the partnership between home and school.
- To provide opportunities for Parents/Carers/Pupils/School to work in partnership with one another.
- To prepare Year 6 children for Secondary Transfer

Guidelines

The quantity and type of homework activities set throughout the school will vary considerably according to the age and ability of the children.

The main focus should be Literacy or Numeracy, however, other assignments can be set which cover wider aspects of the curriculum.

Children should not be penalised if homework is not completed, but we encourage parents to communicate any difficulties in completing the homework to the Class teacher.

Reception	Reading homework/ enjoying books with parents and carers
Year 1	Enjoying books with parents and carers. Daily reading and some learning to recognise and spell some Key Words..
Year 2	Daily reading. Weekly maths homework to be completed online through 'MyMaths'. Weekly spellings work.
Year 3 and 4	Daily reading. Weekly maths homework to be completed online through 'MyMaths'. Weekly spellings work.
Year 5 and 6	Daily reading. Weekly maths homework to be completed online through 'MyMaths'. Weekly spellings work.

Monitoring Homework

Parents/Carers are encouraged to speak freely with Teachers about any difficulties or achievements regarding homework. Homework is marked and a brief comment is made by the child, teacher and parent. Any child who doesn't have a computer at home is allowed to do the homework in school time.

Time limits should be made clear for each assignment. No more than 30 minutes should be spent on Maths and Literacy.

The focus of the activity should be clearly set out in order that Pupils understand what is expected of them.

Finally, children should be encouraged to view homework as a contribution to their learning progress. They should be encouraged to complete activities by a set date.

Special Educational Needs

Some children may benefit from special tasks separate from homework undertaken by other children.

These should have a clear focus and guideline by giving plenty of opportunities to succeed, develop social skills and be varied - not purely written assignments.