



## Homework Policy

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*Learning for a lifetime*

## **Aims and Objectives**

At Woodcroft Primary School we believe homework is an integral part of children's education. It gives them the opportunity to consolidate and take responsibility for their own learning. Homework also encourages them to produce creative, reflective and investigative work independent of the teacher; it develops skills in personal organisation and a sense of responsibility and it can also provide a practical opportunity for parents to become involved in the academic development of their child.

## **What is homework?**

At Woodcroft Primary School we define 'homework' to mean any work or activities which pupils are asked to do outside lesson time without the guidance of teachers. We encourage a balance between independent tasks and tasks which require support of parents – which are seen as an opportunity for adults, other than teachers, to become active partners in supporting learning.

We believe that homework should be enjoyable for the pupil; it should stimulate imagination and creativity, as well as reinforce what is taught in the classroom. Pupils generally enjoy continuing and extending activities, sharing their experiences and ideas as well as bringing work started at home back into school.

## **Homework provides a means for children:**

- to consolidate and reinforce what is learnt in the classroom
- to become independent and curious learners
- to develop good study habits
- to develop skills in personal organisation and a sense of responsibility
- to encourage lifelong learning

## **Responsibilities**

Class teachers are expected to work towards our aims by;

- Setting half termly tasks that are appropriate for the year group.
- Having high expectations of daily reading
- Acknowledging and reviewing all homework through verbal feedback
- Setting appropriate, age-related tasks regularly
- Praising regular and successful commitment to homework
- Supporting parents and carers when appropriate

Pupils are expected to work towards our aims by;

- Tackling homework tasks with a positive attitude
- Taking pride in the presentation and content of their homework
- Being organised so that that homework and equipment is not left at home or school
- Ensuring homework is handed in on the agreed day

Parents are expected to work towards our aims by:

- Making it clear to their child(ren) how much they value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help their learning
- Providing an appropriate space for their child(ren) to complete their homework and pursue their independent learning
- Praising and encouraging their child(ren) to take pride in their homework and show resilience (giving support if necessary)
- Giving due importance to all tasks including listening to their child(ren) read, learning times tables/spellings etc.
- Keeping staff informed of any changes in the child(ren)'s circumstances which may affect their ability to complete their homework

### Guidelines

All classes will send home half termly curriculum newsletters and homework menu which inform parents of the work being studied that half term. The class page on the website also gives details of the current homework project for the half-term.

All classes run lunch time homework clubs where children will be able to independently complete their homework and use school resources should they require this.

	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
<b>Daily</b>	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
<b>Weekly</b>	Key words (teddy words)	High frequency words	High frequency words	Lower KS2 spelling rules to learn	Lower KS2 spelling rules to learn	Upper KS2 spelling rules to learn	Upper KS2 spelling rules to learn
	Number & counting	Number bonds	Times Tables Facts	Times Tables Facts	Times Tables Facts	Times Tables Facts	Times Tables Facts
<b>Half Termly</b>	Each year group will provide 6 activities on a half termly basis. At least 3 of these need to be completed by the children. This will give children a choice of activity to complete.						

The Governors and staff of Woodcroft Primary School recognise that children should have time out of school to follow their own interests and family activities. These guidelines and time allocations allow for these important things to occur.

### Monitoring and Reviewing

It is the responsibility of our Senior Leadership staff to monitor the effectiveness of this policy on a bi-annual basis. They will evaluate the impact of the homework set by the teacher.