



Homework Policy

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At Eynsham Community Primary School, we define homework as any activity that pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members.

As a school, we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of developing this partnership to get children working to their full potential.

Why do we feel that it is important to give homework?

- It can inform parents about work being undertaken in class.
- It can further stimulate enthusiasm for learning.
- It provides opportunities for 1:1 support with an adult.
- It is an opportunity to rehearse key skills such as times tables, arithmetic, spellings, handwriting, reading and other key subject areas.
- It helps to foster good habits of organisation and self-discipline in preparation for the demands of Secondary School.

Homework at our school

Whilst we support all of the above key principles, Eynsham Community Primary School is not a school at which homework dominates home and school life. We believe that homework should be enjoyable and manageable for all concerned and that, if it becomes a source of conflict, it ceases to be a constructive aspect of teaching and learning. For this reason, we do not envisage children spending more than half an hour on any single piece of homework.

As a school, we hope that the children are motivated by positive incentives and by the tasks themselves. Homework provides an opportunity to extend a child's learning and practice key skills they will later need in adult life. Therefore, children are not sanctioned if they fail to complete the work but are instead rewarded with house points for completing each task either independently or with support.

Expectations

All classes from Year 1 to 6 give out weekly homework on a Friday and collect it in on the following Wednesday. These will be available via *Google Classroom*; however, a paper copy of the homework can also be made available upon request to the class teacher, via the school office. There will be no homework set throughout holiday periods.

Expectations of homework are different for each year group.

In Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2), children are expected to read at home for a minimum of 3 times a week, which should be recorded in their reading record. Children will also be expected to practice key fluency number facts for a short period, using the website *Numbots* or *TimesTableRockStars*. Weekly spellings relevant to their year group will also be set for the children.

In lower Key Stage Two (Years 3 and 4), children are expected to read for a minimum of 3 times a week, which should be recorded in their reading record. Children will also be expected to complete one English activity and one Math's activity, as well as learning ten spellings. Both year 3 and 4 will

also be asked to practice on Times Table Rockstars in order to learn their 12 x 12 multiplication and division facts.

In upper Key Stage Two (Years 5 & 6), children are expected to read for a minimum of 3 times a week, which should be recorded in their reading record. They will also be expected to complete one English activity and one Math's activity. They will also be expected to learn ten spellings and will have the option to complete Times Table Rockstars multiplication questions too.

The work that is set should always have clear instructions and where requested, should be explained and discussed before coming home. All homework practices skills that the children have learned in class, so parents are not expected to teach new skills.

Homework will be commented on and marked via Google Classrooms, with the award of house points where appropriate. Where children are completing written tasks, we expect children to maintain the same standards for presentation of homework as we set in school i.e. to use their best handwriting and presentation.

What to do if you have concerns

If you find that the homework is inappropriate for your child or is proving difficult to manage at home, please talk with your child's teacher in the first instance. However, if you still have concerns, please make an appointment to see a member of the senior leadership team.