

# **CAVERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## **Homework Policy**

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The policy is designed to provide a framework for our understanding of the part of that homework can play in our children's education. This policy has been developed by the staff after having circulated a draft version for parental comment and a questionnaire.

### Aims

1. To provide a practical way of emphasising the importance of the partnership between home and school in furthering children's education.
2. To help develop the child's positive attitude to learning and increase their self-motivation and independence.
3. To encourage the notion that learning does not just take place in school.
4. To encourage children to develop an interest in subjects which will take their learning beyond the confines of the syllabus.

### **These aims can be achieved by:**

- a) Providing an opportunity for children to bring work home and thereby encouraging the involvement and interest of their parents.
- b) Providing an opportunity for skills learnt in the classroom to be practised at home.
- c) Encouraging the children to broaden their interest in work being done at school, by using materials and sources of information only available elsewhere.
- d) Having clear expectations of the kind of work that children should be doing at home.

## Homework for Children in Key Stage 1 (Infants)

These are the broad expectations for work done at home on a weekly basis.

### Reception

In Reception the expectation is that all children read each day at home with their parents. In addition, there will be phonic and handwriting activities sent home where appropriate, depending upon need. Occasional challenge activities will be included in the weekly News Letter available on the VLE.

### Year 1

In Year 1 the expectation is that all children read each day at home with their parents. In addition, from January, phonics/ spelling homework will be set weekly.

### Year 2

In Year 2 the expectation is that all children read each day at home with their parents. In addition, weekly spelling homework will be set.

The teachers publish suggestions or activities for parents to do at home with their child to support the learning going on in school from that week.

## Homework for Children in Key Stage 2 (Juniors)

Whilst we appreciate that many of our children benefit from after school clubs, the completion of homework is an essential part of a child's education and your support is of vital importance.

### Year 3

Spelling and maths homework will be set weekly. These activities should take approximately **30 minutes** each and should be completed in the homework books provided. In addition, it is the expectation that children read to an adult daily and that this is recorded in a Reading Journal. There may be occasional topic based homework activities and, when these are set, instructions and expectations will be communicated to parents.

### Years 4, 5 and 6

Children will be set approximately **1.5 hours** of homework each week. This should include English, Maths and Topic activities.

## Topic grids

Each term, 'Topic Grids', which are linked to the topics being taught in school, will be sent home for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. The homework grid will be comprised of a number of activities designed to appeal to a range of learning styles.

Tasks are divided in to different areas. The titles of the **columns** are based on the type of thinking required as described in Bloom's taxonomy. As children work across the grid, higher order thinking skills are required. Each **row** is labelled with a different 'learning style' based on Gardner's Multiple Intelligence Theory. Children are encouraged to choose a variety of tasks which interest and challenge them to learn in different ways.

This system will celebrate children's existing strengths while also providing opportunities to undertake tasks which allow them to develop new skills.

The topic homework will take place over a period of 6 weeks with the expectation that children will complete one activity per week.

This discipline of homework is particularly helpful to children in Year 6 as preparation for homework set on a regular basis at secondary school. During the course of Year 6 it is our aim that children should take an increasingly responsible attitude towards organising their time and completing work to agreed deadlines. We expect children in the juniors to be responsible for handing in their homework.

## Homework Club

Homework Club is run once a week to provide an opportunity for children in KS2 to complete their homework in school if they are unable to complete it at home.

## Whole School Homework

At the end of every term, all pupils are set a whole school homework activity linked to our 'Big Question'. All work will be displayed and celebrated in school. Each class will vote on a winning piece of homework. The winning children will be accompanied by Mrs Perry to the local bakery for a treat.

## Practical Points for Parents

Please support your children by:

- Arranging time for them to do this work at home
- Showing an interest in and discussing what they are doing
- Providing a quiet place for them to work or read
- Organising extra opportunities/experiences through visits e.g. galleries, museums if you can
- For Year 6 children, encouraging them to spend the appropriate amount of time and care on their homework and to take some responsibility for organising their work pattern.

Please contact your class teacher if you have any concerns about homework. This is a partnership!

This policy will be monitored by the Senior Leadership Team

# Homework at Caversham Primary School

Year group	Homework	Set	Due in
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily reading</li> <li>• Phonics activities as directed</li> <li>• Occasional challenges!</li> </ul>		
Year 1	Daily reading		
	Spelling/Phonics homework (from January)	TBC	TBC
Year 2	Daily reading		
	Spelling homework	Wednesday	Monday
Year 3	Maths homework Pyramids and Cones Cubes	Tuesday Friday	Monday Tuesday
	Spelling homework	Thursday	Wednesday
Year 4	Maths homework	Friday	Tuesday
	Spelling homework	Friday	Monday
	Topic homework	Monday	Thursday
Year 5	Maths homework	Wednesday	Monday
	Spelling homework	Monday	Thursday
	Topic homework	Thursday	Monday
Year 6	Maths homework	Monday	Wednesday
	Spelling homework	Set throughout the week with 7 days to complete and return.	
	Topic homework	Thursday	Monday