

CAVERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL



Homework Policy

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The policy is designed to provide a framework for our understanding of the part that homework can play in our children's education. This policy has been developed by the staff after an initial consultation with parents.

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 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 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 may be phonic and handwriting activities sent home where appropriate, depending upon need.

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 their Reading Journal.

Years 4, 5 and 6

Children will be set approximately **1.5 hours** of homework each week. This could include English, Maths and Reading activities but it also expected that children read every day and keep a record in their Reading Journals.

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 usually 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.

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 and engaging in book talk during reading sessions
- 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 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"> • Daily reading • Phonics activities as directed • Occasional challenges 		
Year 1	Daily reading	Information shared with parents and pupils via Google Classroom	
	Spelling/Phonics homework (from January)		
Year 2	Daily reading		
	Spelling homework		
Year 3	Maths homework		
	Daily reading		
	Spelling homework		
Year 4	Maths homework		
	Daily reading		
	Spelling homework		
Year 5	Maths homework		
	Daily reading		
	Spelling homework		
Year 6	Maths homework		
	Daily reading		
	Spelling homework		