

## Homework Policy - Years 1-6

### Guiding Principles

Homework is set in order to:

- reinforce and consolidate work covered in the lesson
- encourage students to learn both independently and collaboratively, as appropriate
- develop knowledge, skills and a reflective approach
- prepare material for subsequent learning and assessment

### Homework

The amount of homework differs according to the year group.

Homework allocations are as follows:

Year 1 and 2: None

Year 3: 20 minutes, two days per week

Year 4: 30 minutes, two days per week

Year 5: 30 minutes, three days per week

Year 6: 30 minutes, four days per week

Some homework assignments involve a task that is created digitally. We ensure that all materials or resources are readily available on the internet, for example Google Apps for Education.

In addition, all pupils are expected to read regularly and to learn/consolidate spellings and practise mathematical fact recall. The above allocations are reasonable amounts of time if the pupil is focused on the task set. If a homework task takes longer than the allocated time then parents should stop their child and write a note of explanation to the form teacher or subject teacher. It is considered to be very important that after-school hours are well balanced in terms of work, rest and play.

All set homework is clearly recorded in the homework planner or Google Classroom and should be completed within the recommended time allocations, shown above. It is the responsibility of subject staff to make it clear to pupils when homework is expected, especially if this is not the next school day. Projects and longer assignments are set in manageable parts, with clear guidance given as to the criteria for marking and when each section of work should be submitted.

In Year 3 each pupil has a homework book where their homework is set and the pupil can complete their work. For Years 4 - 6 all home work is set in the pupil's Google Classroom and pupils are required to submit their work digitally. This does not mean that homework has to be completed digitally just that it

is submitted digitally. In many cases pupils will submit a quality photo of their work.

In addition to the weekly homework pupils will be set tasks to think further about their theme. These tasks will be longer tasks set to cover all areas of our curriculum wheel. These will be set at the start of each half term for pupils to optionally complete throughout the duration of their theme. These will be shared with pupils and parents in an age-appropriate way.

Parents are invited to support their child as they feel necessary, and to provide an environment, free from distractions, which enables him/her to complete homework assignments to the best of their ability. Specific concerns about homework should be discussed with the form teacher or subject teacher.

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