

FOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework Policy 2022-2024

The need for a homework policy

Homework is an essential element of children's primary school education. It enables them to further develop their learning at home by extending what they have learned at school. Furthermore, it enables pupils to reinforce the learning that has taken place at school to ensure that they are secure in their learning of key concepts.

Completing homework enables pupils to make good progress in their learning. It also helps to prepare children to become independent learners and manage their own time effectively in preparation for secondary school and life beyond.

When is homework set?

All year groups should set new homework every Thursday in both KS1 and KS2. This should be returned to school by the following **Monday**, allowing children 5 days to complete the activities which have been set. If homework is not returned by a Monday, pupils are given opportunity to bring homework in the following day.

If there is a problem and homework has not been completed the pupil should see the class teacher for an extension.

In **Key Stage Two** if homework has not been completed three times in a row than a detention is given.

What will homework consist of?

Key Stage One

In Year One and Two children will be set homework as follows;

- Daily reading, to be recorded in the reading record book.
- One piece of maths **or** literacy.
- Spellings; pupils will be given new spellings to learn every Thursday from Spring term for year One and from the start of the school year in Year 2. These will be tested the following Thursday.

Lower Key Stage Two

In years three and four, children will be set homework as follows;

- Daily reading, to be recorded in the reading record book.
- Spellings; pupils will be given new spellings to learn every Thursday. These will be tested the following Thursday
- One piece of maths per week. This may be computer based maths work such as MyMaths, or a paper based piece of work to complete.
- Literacy homework books. Activities will consist of either a spelling, grammar or writing based activity. Activities will be completed in the homework books unless otherwise stated by the class teacher.

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Upper Key Stage Two:

In year five, children will be set homework as follows:

- Daily reading, to be recorded in the reading record book.
- Spellings; pupils will be given new spellings to learn every Thursday. These will be tested the following Thursday.
- Wednesday. One piece of maths per week. This may be computer based maths work such as My Maths, or a paper based piece of work to complete.
- Literacy homework books. Children will be asked to complete either 1, 2 or 3 tasks depending on teacher judgement. Activities will consist of either a spelling, grammar or writing based activity. Activities will be completed in the homework books unless otherwise stated by the class teacher.

In year six, children will be set homework as follows:

- Daily reading, to be recorded in the reading record book.
- Spellings; pupils will be given new spellings to learn every Wednesday. These will be tested the following Monday. Children will produce Look, Cover, Write, Check for these spellings.
- One piece of maths per week. This may be computer based maths work such as mathematics, or a paper based piece of work to complete.
- A piece of literacy work or learning theme work. Literacy may take the form of grammar, spelling or punctuation work. Learning theme may be a project and can run over several weeks as required.
- On occasions children may be given both literacy and learning theme.

Holiday homework:

During school holidays **two** reading scheme books are sent home with children in KS1.

Marking

Marking will be done by a stamp and a brief comment by a member of staff.

Parents and Homework

Parents are encouraged to guide children with their homework should they need it, however they should encourage the child to work independently to complete the tasks set. If parents have any issues with homework they should raise their concerns with the class teacher initially.

Setting homework

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Teachers have a responsibility to ensure that pupils are set homework which is at an appropriately differentiated level. They should ensure that homework set is in line with work which has been completed at school and so is not an entirely new concept to the child.

This policy will be reviewed every 2 years or sooner if necessary.

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