

Homework information



Why is homework important?

Homework is an essential and valuable element of learning and building resilience. For this to have impact, partnership with parents/carers is fundamental.

Homework helps your child to:

- Learn how to organise and manage their time.
- Develop their independence by taking more responsibility for their own learning.
- Reinforces and consolidates what they have learned in class, particularly in maths and spellings.
- Assists your child in developing creativity and independence in their thinking and learning.
- Homework is an opportunity for parents/carers to become active partners in supporting learning.
- Children who do homework regularly throughout their time at school benefit from the equivalent of roughly an extra year's schooling.
- Between the ages of 5 and 16, children spend only 15% of their lives in school so supporting them at home really improves their chances of success.

Government guidelines

The guidelines on homework highlight how much time pupils of different ages might reasonably be expected to spend on homework. For children at primary schools the guidelines are:

Year 1 and 2	1 hour per week
Year 3 and 4	1.5 hours per week
Year 5 and 6	30 minutes per day

How can you help?

- Provide a peaceful and comfortable place, free from distractions (such as television and devices), where children can concentrate.
- Be actively involved in any joint homework activities.
- Support your child if any extra help/guidance is required.
- Praise and encourage your child when they have completed their homework.
- Reinforce the same message as school to your child on the importance of homework on supporting learning.