



# Homework

## 2016 - 2017

### Year 6

## How much homework will your child have in Year 5?

In Year 6 our homework policy recommends **up to two and a half hours a week**. It will be set every Tuesday and should be returned the following Monday. In order to start to prepare your child for secondary school we would recommend that rather than doing all the homework in one sitting, your child starts to organise it over the course of the week, completing different parts on different days to fit in with your home routine. Your child will be given a folder in which to keep their work books. Homework in Year 6 will consist of:

### Reading

Your child should be confident at reading this year but it is important that they are heard read frequently at home. They need to read at least 3 times a week at home for approximately 40 minutes in total each week. By Year 6 they should be able to read independently and should be encouraged to do this. They can sign their own planner to say they have read. They still need to read out loud to an adult though at least once a week.

Your child's planner will be checked every Monday and a sticker placed in it to show they have read at least 3 times ( one of which must be to an adult). Your child will choose a book from either the class library or from our golden book list ( further information can be found in the back of the planner).

You will notice in the planner there is a space for children to write new vocabulary they have learnt. If your child notices a new word in a book they are reading please encourage them to write it in the box and then try to find a synonym ( a word that means the same) for that new word. This is to support them in extending their vocabulary. You do not have to fill all the boxes each week, however please encourage your child to try to find as many words as possible.

Reading comprehension is very important in Year 6 in order to prepare them for the end of Year 6 assessments so please use the questions at the back of your child's planner to help you when you hear them read.



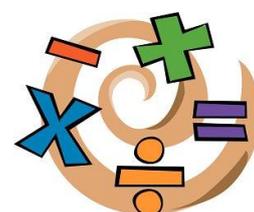
## Maths Homework

Every week your child will be set some maths tasks to complete from the Maths Workbooks the school has purchased for your child. Maths work books should take around half an hour a week to complete. **Please do not let your child go on and complete more of the books.** If you would like to purchase other books similar to the one your child will receive there will be some available at the Year 6 SATS meeting.

Your child will also have a My Maths login this year. The teacher will set activities for your child to complete each week on My Maths. My Maths can be accessed from an ipad or a P.C. If you don't have access to either at home please see your child's teacher who can arrange time for your child to complete in school, or you can book them into the homework club on a Friday afternoon. My Maths, as well as providing activities for the children to complete also provides tutorials both for the children ( and parents) to watch if they are unsure of how to work something out. We would encourage your child to watch these if they need support.

Your child will still have a mathletics login and are welcome to continue to access any of the games and materials there to work towards certificates which will be printed out in school. There will not be formal mathletics homework set in Year 6 though.

The national expectation is that by the end of Year 4 children are to be able to recall and use all multiplication and division facts up to  $12 \times 12$ . In Years 5 and 6 children need to build up the speed and accuracy of the multiplication and division facts to be able to apply them to increasingly complex calculations. Every Monday a short assessment is held, marked and sent home so the child and parents know which aspects they need to work on. There are different levels to the assessments and once the children get 100% correct they move to the next challenge. It is entirely up to you how the children practise mental maths facts (e.g. quizzes at home, writing them out, Mathletics, flash cards, posters, apps) and there is nothing to complete to bring back to school. The evidence of working on them at home will come through when the children try to beat their scores.



## Take Home Tasks

**Take home tasks in Year 6 are now optional.** However if your child would like to complete one or more of them they are very welcome!

Take home tasks are linked to the project of the term and will cover the different areas of the curriculum. The tasks are open ended and the children have freedom to complete them in a way that suits them! One of the aims of a take home task is for families to enjoy sharing the learning of the term with their child and to help them create something that can be shared with their peers in class. The take home tasks will be set towards the start of a project and will have a deadline towards the end. We will always try to include a visit somewhere for a family to enjoy should they wish. The take home tasks won't be formally 'marked' however they will be shared with the class and the teacher will write some feedback in your child's planner.



## Spellings

Every week your child will be given a spelling sheet containing 6 words from one of the spelling lists at the back of their planner **or** from words linked to the project their teacher has selected. These words are likely to be from either the Year 3 / 4 list or from the Year 5 /6 list. In order to meet the end of Year 6 standard children should be able to spell most of the words on both the Year 3 / 4 list and the Year 5 / 6 list. Your child should practice writing these on the sheet - they may copy them to start with and then as they become more confident start covering them up.

As well as these words please select 6 additional words from the back of the planner that haven't been highlighted by your child's teacher. Due to the volume of words to check, the teacher will have these highlighted by half term. In the meantime please ask your child to select their own words. Please don't worry if your child takes longer than a week to master spelling a word. It is fine to reselect a word for a second week if your child needs more practice. It is also useful to revisit words so they don't forget them. At the end of each term your child's teacher will re assess your child's spelling and update the word list at the back by highlighting off the words your child can now spell. Please remember every child will progress through these words at a different pace!

Your child will not be formally 'tested' on the words each week, however the teacher will carefully monitor your child's progress with these words in their written work.

## Grammar

In Year 6 your child will have a Grammar Workbook from which the teacher will set work which will link to work they have completed in class. It is expected this will take approximately thirty minutes to complete. Please only complete the page (s) that are set by the teacher.



## Children who do not complete their homework

If your child does not complete their homework by Tuesday morning they will be expected to stay in for part of the lunch break on a Tuesday to begin to complete it. Please remember if your child needs support with homework or you struggle to complete it, you are welcome to book your child into the free homework club on a Friday afternoon from 1.30 - 3pm.

*If you have any questions about homework please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or Mr Wright, Upper Key Stage 2 Leader.*

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