



Homework
2016 - 2017
Reception

How much homework will your child have in Reception?

In Reception our homework policy recommends **up to an hour a week**. It will be set every Tuesday and should be returned the following Monday. Homework will consist of:

Reading

As your child is still in the early stages of learning to read, it is important that they are heard read frequently at home. Your child needs to read at least 3 times a week at home for approximately 5 minutes a time. However please be guided by your child. Please sign your child's planner when you have heard them read and if possible write a comment on how they have got on. Your child's planner will be checked every Monday and a sticker placed in it to show they have read at least 3 times. If you are able to hear your child read more than 3 times it will help make their progress more rapid. It is also important to read stories to your child still at this age. Each week your child will have a mixture of reading scheme books as well as a book of their choice from either the golden book list (in the back of the planner) or from the class library. Please use these as an opportunity to enjoy reading together. Your child will also have access to the online resources on 'Reading Eggs.' Please feel free to use these to supplement the reading work your child does.



Phonics

In Reception the children will bring home some phonics most weeks based on the phonics they have been learning in school. Please support them to learn the new sounds and use them to build words and read them. Some weeks they will not get new sounds as they are consolidating what they have already learnt.

Take Home Tasks

Every term your child will be given a choice of four take home tasks to complete. These are all 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 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. It is expected these would take up to 2 hours over the term, this could be done a little each week or in one go, it is up to you! We will always try to include a visit somewhere for a family to enjoy should they wish. If your child would like to complete more than one task they may however there is no expectation they will! 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

In the summer term, where appropriate, your child will be given a spelling sheet with words from the Reception list at the back of their planner. Your child should practice writing these on the sheet - they may copy them and then as they become more confident start covering them up. Other games you could play with the words include using magnetic letters to build words, writing them in the bath using bath pens, chalking them on the pavement etc

Your child will not be formally 'tested' on the words each week, however the teacher will monitor how well the children progress with these words.



If you have any questions about homework please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

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Why not come along to the parents phonics sessions on Tuesday 27th at 2pm or Wednesday 28th at 8.45 am to find out more about how we teach reading and phonics!