



Flamstead Village School

Homework Policy

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INTRODUCTION

Homework is anything children do outside the normal school day that contributes to their learning, in response to guidance from the school. Homework encompasses a whole variety of activities instigated by teachers and parents/carers to support the children's learning. For example, parents or carers who spend time reading stories to their children before bedtime are helping with homework.

We are continuously looking at ways to improve and develop the learning experiences for our pupils. One of the recent educational research studies indicate that homework used to consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding developed at school has less impact on children's learning when compared to 'pre-learning'. Therefore Flamstead Village School incorporates pre-learning in to the homework tasks.

Homework will be given out on a Wednesday for return to school on the following Monday. We provide KS1 and KS2 pupils a homework book where they, the teacher or teaching assistant records the homework, and where parents, pupils and teachers can add any comments. Homework is set over 5 days to take account of out of school activities the children may be involved with. We will encourage pupils to complete all homework tasks, however, if a child has not completed their learning tasks they may be given the opportunity to do the work at lunchtime / playtime.

TYPES AND QUANTITY OF HOMEWORK

The main focus for homework will be based around the core subjects of English, Maths and Topic based learning. Homework is differentiated to take account of individual pupils' learning needs.

EYFS

In the Foundation Stage parents are encouraged to read with their child/ren daily. Parents are also encouraged to complete 'Moments from Home' to share home learning with the school.

Years 1 and 2

Homework activities should take about 1 hour each week.

These activities include:

- Daily reading
- Spellings
- Times Tables
- Pre-learning tasks for English and Maths

Years 3 and 4

Homework activities should take about 1- 1½ hours each week.

These activities include:

- Daily reading

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- Spellings
- Times Tables
- Pre-learning tasks for English and Maths
- Additional pre-learning tasks for Science and/or Topic may be included
- Half termly projects will be set from time to time.

Years 5 and 6

Homework activities should take about 2-2½ hours each week.

These activities include:

- Daily reading
- Spellings
- Times Tables
- Pre-learning tasks for English and Maths
- Additional pre-learning tasks for Science and/or Topic may be included
- Half termly projects will be set from time to time.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS

Homework tasks are set appropriately for children with SEN. Such children may benefit from separate tasks from the rest of the group. The class teacher and SENCo will work with parents to ensure that homework tasks meet the needs of pupils with SEN.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENTS

Parents or guardians should:

- be actively involved in their child's homework activities. This is especially important with children in Key Stage 1
- provide a reasonably peaceful, suitable place for doing homework
- show their children that they value homework and support the school by explaining how it can help their learning
- keep themselves informed about the homework that has been set and the deadlines involved in order to support their child
- encourage their child, then praise them for completing homework
- inform the school know if they or their child are experiencing difficulty with the type or amount of homework set by the school.

FEEDBACK ON HOMEWORK

It is important that all homework tasks should be acknowledged and feedback given to the pupil. The support and praise of parents when work is completed at home is a vital initial part of that feedback.

The setting and marking of homework can place a significant extra burden on teachers and so tasks will be devised to ensure that the amount and the timing of the marking required is manageable. Not all homework will be formally marked. It may be marked together in a class, or group, or pupils may be asked to share research tasks with the class.

Spellings will be tested weekly and results recorded. Multiplication tables will be tested regularly and a formal test will be completed at the end of each half term.

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Appendix 1

Years 1 & 2

Date

Final date for handing in homework:	MONDAY
English Learning Tasks: Daily reading Spellings - complete sheet Handwriting <i>Pre learning task Year 2 only:</i>	
Maths Learning Tasks: Times tables: Learn and practise the times tables in the sets shown below. 5, 10 / 2, 4, 8 / 3, 6, 9 / 7, 11, 12 Maths Pre-Learning Task:	
Parent comment/signature	
Pupil comment/signature	
Teacher comment/signature	
Reminders PE this term will be gymnastics and playtime games. Your PE kit should be in school every day, we will have extra PE sessions during this half term.	

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Appendix 2

Years 3 & 4

Date

Final date for handing in homework:	MONDAY
<u>English Learning Tasks:</u> Daily reading Spellings English Pre-learning task:	
Maths Learning Tasks: <u>Times tables:</u> Learn and practise your times tables in the sets shown below: 5, 10 / 2, 4, 8 / 3, 6, 9 / 7, 11, 12 <u>Maths Pre-Learning Task:</u>	
<u>Pre-learning tasks for Science</u> and/or topic Half termly projects will be set from time to time	
Parent comment/signature	
Pupil comment/signature	
Teacher comment/signature	
<u>Reminders</u> PE this term will be Your PE kit should be in school every day, we will have extra PE sessions during this half term.	

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Appendix 3

Year 5/6

Date

Final date for handing in homework:	MONDAY
<u>English Learning Tasks:</u> Daily reading Spellings English Pre-learning task:	
Maths Learning Tasks: <u>Times tables:</u> Learn and practise your times tables in the sets shown below: 5, 10 / 2, 4, 8 / 3, 6, 9 / 7, 11, 12 <u>Maths Pre-Learning Task:</u>	
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