



Bexton Primary School Homework Policy

Name of school: Bexton Primary School

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Introduction

Homework is anything that 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 to support children's learning. Homework activities include non-academic as well as academic activities that help children to develop as well-rounded individuals. Bexton Primary School values the learning experiences provided by parents and carers outside the school.

Aims and Objectives of Homework

- To reinforce/consolidate/practise aspects of learning, sometimes tailored to individual needs
- To support communication between home and school, engaging parents in what their child is learning at the moment
- To enable parents to work with the school to support their child
- To promote a shared message of high expectations from school and from home
- To enable pupils to make maximum progress in their academic and social development
- To promote life skills of independence and organisation of time and resources, preparing children for the next stage in their education
- To extend, consolidate and reinforce learning done in school

A balanced approach

Although homework plays a positive role in raising a child's level of attainment, we acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development. While homework is important, it should not prevent children from taking part in the wide range of out-of-school clubs and organisations that play an important part in the lives of many children. We understand children spend more time at home than at school, and we believe they develop their skills, interests and talents to the full only when parents encourage them to make maximum use of the experiences and opportunities that are available outside of school.

Responsibilities

The Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher are responsible for:

- Frequently checking the policy is compliant with statutory requirements and supports excellent practice across the school
- Monitoring the effectiveness of this policy
- Reviewing the policy every two years and making appropriate updates as required
- Monitoring the extent to which this policy is being implemented
- Considering the workload of teachers when setting the policy
- Providing parents with information about homework

Assistant Heads are responsible for:

- Ensuring all members of staff within their key stage are aware of and follow the school's Homework Policy
- Monitoring the effectiveness of this policy on pupil outcomes
- Monitoring the impact of this policy on the workload of teachers
- Answering any queries that teaching staff have regarding this policy

Teachers are responsible for:

- Planning and setting up a regular programme of homework for pupils
- Providing an explanation of homework tasks and ensuring that all pupils understand what they must do
- Ensuring all homework is purposeful and links directly to tasks pupils have completed in school as part of the curriculum
- Setting homework that is appropriate to pupils' abilities
- Monitoring homework regularly and making sure pupils are completing it
- Checking homework and giving feedback to pupils
- Communicating with parents if there is a problem regarding homework
- Answering any questions parents or pupils have regarding homework
- Ensuring homework takes equal opportunities into account and that the needs of pupils with Special Educational Needs are considered

Parents are responsible for:

- Supporting and encouraging their child with regards to completing homework
- Checking the home school diary each week and signing it
- Becoming involved in their child's homework and encouraging their child to have a positive attitude towards it
- Make sure their child completes their homework to a high standard and on time
- Providing suitable conditions and resources for their child to complete homework
- Discussing any issues that may arise and co-operating with school to find a solution

- Keep the school informed of any change in circumstances which may affect their child's learning and ability to complete homework effectively

Pupils are responsible for:

- Having a positive approach towards homework
- Taking responsibility for their own learning and completing work on time
- Asking questions if they don't understand the task that has been set
- Taking pride in the presentation and content of their homework

Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant statutory and good practice guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- DfE (2019) Ways to reduce workload in your school(s)
- Ofsted (2019) School inspection handbook
- Ofsted (2019) School inspection handbook- section 8

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Assessment Policy
- Marking and Feedback Policy
- Home School Agreement
- Curriculum Policy

Ofsted Expectations

As part of the change from the Quality of teaching, learning and assessment judgement to 'The Quality of education' judgement, Ofsted removed the grade criteria relating to the setting of homework from its 'School inspection handbook'. Whilst Ofsted will not be looking directly at each school's specific approach, homework is still a vital tool in embedding knowledge and gauging understanding.

Appendix A

What homework do we set?

Year Group	Homework	Maximum Time per evening
Reception	Daily reading Tricky word practice/ phonics A weekly homework task	10 minutes 5 minutes 20 minutes
Year 1	Daily reading Times Table Rock Stars (x2, x5, x10) English task week A Maths task week B	10 minutes 5 minutes x2 a week 30 minutes x1 a week 30 minutes x1 a week
Year 2	Daily reading Times Table Rock Stars (x2, x5, x10, x3, x6 (for those who need challenge extend to x6, x8)) English task week A Maths task week B	10 minutes 5 minutes x3 a week 30 minutes x1 a week 30 minutes x1 a week
Year 3	Daily reading Times Table Rock Stars (Recap of Y2 + x6, x8, x9, x7) English task week A Maths task week B	15 minutes 5 minutes x3 a week 30 minutes x1 a week 30 minutes x1 a week
Year 4	Daily reading Times Table Rock Stars (recap of all tables) English task week A Maths task week B	15 minutes 5 minutes x3 a week 30 minutes x1 a week 30 minutes x1 a week
Year 5	Daily reading Times Table Rock (recap of all tables) English task week A Maths task week B	20 minutes 5 minutes x3 a week 45 minutes x1 a week 45 minutes x1 a week
Year 6	Daily reading (20 minutes) Times Tables (recap of all tables) English task week A Maths task week B	20 minutes 5 minutes x3 a week 60 minutes x1 a week 60 minutes x1 a week

All children are issued with a home school diary where children are encouraged to write in what they are reading. Parents and teachers are invited to make any relevant comments and to use the diary as a form of home / school communication

All homework tasks are set on a Thursday and due in the following Tuesday.

Tasks are set via the class dojo app (accessible through a QR code from school).

Children have a White Rose Maths Practice Book. This should be returned to school by the Tuesday after being set.

No homework is set during school holidays other than reading.

Children should be sharing reading books with their parents, discussing the content and any new vocabulary. Parents (and children Y2 upwards) should write comments in the reading diary

Teachers will monitor if children are completing their homework and house points awarded. The children then colour these in their home school diary.

Online apps/ websites available to support children

Passwords and log in details will be stuck into your child's homework diary. Parents do not need to pay for any subscriptions as the school has funded these.

Times Table Rock Stars	Available Online, App Store or Google Play
My Maths	Available online

Appendix B

Additional Websites parents might like to use to support their child's learning:

[Home - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Games for kids and early years activities - CBeebies - BBC](#)

[BBC - History For Kids](#)

[Oxford Owl for School and Home](#)

[National Geographic Kids \(natgeokids.com\)](#)

[History for Kids - Funny & Educational Poems \(history-for-kids.com\)](#)

[Topmarks: teaching resources, interactive resources, worksheets, homework, exam and revision help](#)

[Play Games and More at NASA Kids' Club! | NASA](#)

[Lessons Worth Sharing | TED-Ed](#)

[Home | Natural History Museum \(nhm.ac.uk\)](#)

[Oak National Academy Online Classroom \(thenational.academy\)](#)

[Home | CoolMath4Kids](#)