

Highwoods Community Primary School



Homework Statement

Summer 2023

To be reviewed: Summer 2025

Intent

At Highwoods, we recognise the importance of play in a child's development and the need for them to rest to be refreshed for the next day. With this in mind, we do not set onerous homework tasks. Our aim is for homework to consolidate and embed what children have been learning in class through short-burst practice activities and educational games.

Implementation

Homework will mostly be set weekly. Throughout their time at our school, from Foundation Stage to Year 6, we recommend that children read to an adult daily. This takes the form of practising sounds and red words in Foundation Stage right through to Year 6 when you can enjoy longer novels with your child. Reading regularly greatly improves your child's understanding of the world around them and their breadth of vocabulary.

In Foundation Stage it is vitally important that children read on a regular basis. Letter sounds and words to practise will be sent home as well as staged reading books and Read Write Inc books when children are ready. Children will also bring home a library book to share together.

In Years 1 and 2, it is vitally important that children read on a regular basis. Staged reading books as well as Read Write Inc books will be sent home for children to read. Weekly spellings to practise and suggestions for maths activities to support current learning in school will also be sent in a homework folder.

In Years 3-6, it will consist of a variety of activities, including online spelling practice, online times tables practice or maths games, online grammar activities and occasionally activities linked to our theme lessons or other learning in class. It will be differentiated according to what each child needs in their learning and what they have been working towards in class. Spellings and times tables will be differentiated to enable children to make progress from their individual points in their learning.

Impact

Through completing these practice activities at home, children will be better able to access their learning in school as key skills such as times tables and spellings will be in their long-term memory, freeing their working memory to focus on new learning. Children will develop good habits of completing a task to a deadline, preparing them for their next stage in education and helping them to develop personal organisational skills.