

What kind of activities can we expect?

Spelling/Phonics/Literacy



P1-3 Phonics/Spelling activities and letter formation activities may be issued.

P4-7 Spelling words will be given weekly along with an active spelling activity.

Reading



In P1-3 core reading books will be issued once the book studies are completed in class to share with parents and pupils may be asked to complete a related activity, P4-7 may have comprehension activities to complete from time to time.

Maths



Maths activities will be given which reinforce and consolidate work done in class. Regular practice of times tables will be expected.

Other activities included from time to time

1. Preparing a short talk to give to class (P1-7)
2. Preparing a poem to recite (P1-7)
3. Research work on a class topic (P1-7)
4. Activities related to other areas of the curriculum where relevant (P1-7)
5. Competitions (P1-7)
6. Using web based games to reinforce learning (P1-7)

If the class teacher notices that homework is not being completed on a regular basis they may issue a homework alert to keep you informed.



Please contact the school if you have any queries regarding homework.



Whitehirst Park Primary School



Homework Guidelines 2018/19

Homework is an invaluable link between home and school whilst also being an integral aspect of children's learning. It is an ideal opportunity to encourage your child, praise their efforts and discuss ways that they could improve their work.

Homework will be provided for the following reasons:

- to raise attainment
- to reinforce learning
- to develop individual learning
- to promote parental engagement

Your support for homework makes a difference and can improve your child's general confidence in learning both in and out of school.

Signing all homework before it is handed in will help to ensure that the child is receiving the same message from school and home.





Homework Survey



In Session 2016-17 we undertook a survey of staff, pupils and parents to help us improve our homework provision. The collated feedback told us that:

- Parents, teachers and children liked the flexibility of homework being issued weekly
- Some Parents felt some homework tasks took too long
- Teachers wanted to agree set dates to start and stop homework each term.
- Parents wanted homework to start and stop at the same time for siblings across the school
- Most Pupils like homework and feel it helps them. They feel they get enough, but sometimes it can be too easy.



In light of the survey we have revised our homework policy and procedures.

You can help by:



- Encouraging the reading of other books, magazines, newspapers, comics etc. on a regular basis.
- Discussing any written activity and overseeing it for neatness and accuracy.
- Encouraging your child to learn the spelling words they have been given.
- Assist with overlearning of addition and subtraction facts and times tables.
- If your child is experiencing difficulty please contact the class teacher.

HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

- Specific details will be clarified at the start of each year by each class teacher.
- Homework will be given out on a weekly basis - handed out on Monday and to be returned by Thursday/Friday so that children and parents are able to pace the work over the week.
- All work will have been explained previously at school.
- Each child will be given a Weekly Homework Grid or Homework Diary which will indicate the tasks for the week.
- Most weeks the children will have three pieces of homework to be completed between Monday and Thursday.
- Occasionally the children may have a special task to complete over one or two weeks. Specific guidance will be issued by the class teacher.
- During the last week of homework your child will be asked to share the class blog with you.

As a staff we agreed set weeks where Homework will be issued:

Term 1 Begin : 3/9/18

Last week: 1/10/18

Term 2 Begin: 29/10/18

Last week: 26/11/18

Term 3 Begin: 14/1/19 (no homework during STEM

Last week: 18/3/19 Fortnight.)

Term 4 Begin: 29/4/19

Last week: 27/5/19



We also agreed the timing of homework tasks for different age groups:

P1-2 - 10 mins/activity - 30 minutes over the week

P3-5 - 15 mins/ activity - 45 minutes over the week

P6-7 - 20 mins /activity - 60 minutes over the week



If your child takes longer than the suggested time for their stage please stop and contact the class teacher if this persists. Your child may benefit from attending our lunchtime homework club for a short period of time where they can access support and the use of ICT. If you wish your child to be involved please contact the class teacher.

