

WHAT WORK AND HOW MUCH TIME?

Primary 6/5 homework

In P6/5 pupils will be given **three** pieces of homework per week:

- **Maths homework** – to practise, revise and consolidate work being taught in class.
- **Reading/ Literacy Circles homework**- to read the required amount and complete a task role card if given- A homework checklist for each role will be issued to help you support your child.
- **Spelling homework** to learn new spelling patterns and rules

Throughout the year P6/5 pupils will be given additional pieces of homework related to Topic work which may include personal projects and research. Deadlines and dates will be given and written in the diary as and when is required.

The best way to help your child is to be patient and encouraging. If there are problems such as your child taking much longer than you imagined then please contact the school. We are always happy to help. Above all don't lose your cool.



Homework Policy

So why is homework important?

Homework helps your child to:

- learn how to organise and manage their time
- take more responsibility for their own learning
- practise and build on what they have learned at school
- develop confidence to deal with frustrations, overcome difficulties and solve problems
- learn and work independently in the future.

Homework helps teachers to check your child's understanding of classwork and keep track of their progress. It lets you find out what your child is doing at school and get involved in their learning. For many reasons, parents can find it difficult to support their children when they have homework. This leaflet may help you to get involved.

Did you know?

- When schools and families work together, children do better.
- Children learn something well when they talk about it or explain it to someone else, so asking your child about their homework really helps them.
- Children who do homework regularly throughout their time at school benefit from the equivalent of roughly an extra year's schooling.
- Between the ages of 5 and 16, children spend only 15% of their lives in school so supporting them at home really improves their chances of success.

- Parents and families are by far the most important influences on children's lives.

What's helpful to know about homework?

It's quality that matters, not quantity - the kind of homework your child does is often more important than the amount.

Even if you have little time, or don't know much about the subject or level your child is studying, you can still be involved. It's not your time or ability, but a positive and encouraging attitude to your child's learning that really matters. Homework is for children to do, not for parents.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

- Check your child's diary. Homework is written in the diary on the **day it is due**.
- Always read and sign the homework to show that you saw it completed.
- Offer encouragement.
- If the homework takes too long or your child is having a lot of difficulty to complete for any reason, write a brief note in the jotter, worksheet or diary.
- If your child does not complete his/her homework we will inform you and ask for your support.
- If it appears that the method has changed and you do not know how to help your child, contact the school. We will be happy to help.