



Sunnybrow Primary School Homework Policy

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Introduction

At Sunnybrow Primary School, we believe that homework can add much to a pupil's development and attainment and is therefore an important part of a child's education. We believe that children can benefit greatly from the opportunity to have additional practice of skills, consolidate understanding of work covered in the classroom and widen their own interests. Moreover, developing good study habits provides an opportunity for pupils to develop self-discipline, independence and the ability to take responsibility for their own learning.

Aims of the policy

Through implementation of this policy, we aim to:

- Give pupils the opportunity to consolidate and extend their learning
- Ensure a consistent approach throughout the school
- To encourage children to develop the confidence, independence, self-discipline and motivation needed to study on their own and prepare them for the next phase of education
- To make set homework relevant and meaningful for the child linked to work done at school
- Make expectations about homework clear to children, parents and other carers
- Provide opportunities for parents and children to work together, thereby, fostering an effective partnership between home and school

Principles

Our policy is based on the following principles:

- Homework will not be disproportionate or onerous for children and their parents. Sufficient time is allowed for the completion of homework to allow for a healthy home/school work balance
- The difficulty of the homework will be tailored according to the child's age and ability.
- Teachers ensure that the tasks are differentiated, purposeful and aimed at developing and consolidating basic skills.
- Teachers provide parents and pupils with clear instructions and examples for how to complete the homework provided
- Homework should be linked to previous learning and key skills and must be meaningful and relevant
- Parents will be informed about our aims in setting homework and about the importance this type of work plays in children's education

Activities

- Each week, all children from Reception year onwards are expected to read their individual reading books 3 times and have their reading record book signed by an adult.
- At the start of each half-term children from Year 1 onwards will be given a spelling grid with lists of 10 spellings per week to learn for a spelling test on Friday. Children are expected to practise these spellings at least 3 times over the week, ready for their test. Staff

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will monitor spelling test scores, and these will be shared with parents if there are any that cause concern.

What happens if my child does not complete their homework?

There will be the opportunity for children to stay in at breaktimes to complete their homework. Staff will monitor the completion of homework each week.

How you can help at home:

Below is a list of ways that you as a parent can show your child that you value their homework and the time and effort spent completing it.

You can show you value your child's homework by:

- providing a suitable place in which your child can do their homework, preferably with an adult to discuss, encourage and support
- making it clear to your child that you value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help learning
- encouraging your child and praising them when they have completed work set
- signing and dating your child's completed reading record book to show that they have read
- ensuring work is complete and returned to school on time
- checking your child spends a suitable amount of time on homework

Additionally, you can support your child's development by:

- visits to libraries, museums etc.
- cooking with them
- taking your child swimming
- playing games, e.g. board games, cards, ball games
- watching informative TV programs together
- providing opportunities for craft activities, e.g. cutting, sticking, sewing, painting etc.
- gardening and growing plants
- using the internet to research something with your child (following guidelines for safe internet use)
- talking to your child about schoolwork, their day, what they have been learning about and how they have been learning

Remember: Homework is about reinforcing, practicing and confidence building...

Enthusing your child about undertaking homework and modelling the high value of homework to them is of key importance. Make it fun!

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