

The Federation of Fryern Infant and Fryern Junior School
Homework Policy



Learning at home is an essential part of good education. Regular homework is important as it gives pupils the opportunity to practice at home the tasks covered in class, and helps the pupils work towards improving important skills. It also helps children and young people to become confident and independent in their learning, which will help throughout their time at school and in adult life.

Through this policy we aim to:

- Ensure the needs of the individual are taken into account.
- Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school.
- Extend and support the learning experience via re-enforcement and revision.
- Provide opportunities for parents and pupils to work together to enjoy learning experiences.
- Provide opportunities for parents, pupils and school to work in partnership.
- Encourage pupils to develop skills for future needs.
- At Year 6 prepare children for secondary transfer through good homework habits.
- Encourage children to develop the responsibility, confidence and self discipline needed to study independently.

The Nature of Homework

It should be noted that homework can be set in many forms with many different expectations and outcomes. It is important to remember that when setting homework there are a number of points to consider.

The key elements of effective homework are:

- An informed partnership between all parents and the school
- All pupils to participate
- Homework should not increase stress on the family
- It will not necessarily be a written task
- Positive feedback will always be given
- Homework should be set from foundation stage to year 6

Recommended Time Allocation

Homework should not be too onerous nor should it ever create stress within the pupil's family. If parents have any concerns they should not hesitate to contact the school.

Year R

- Daily reading or sharing of Key words

Years 1 and 2

- Daily Reading or sharing of Key words
- Weekly homework; this could be numeracy, literacy or from any other curriculum area.
- Weekly spellings

Year 3

- Alternate literacy and numeracy weekly homework.
- Once a term RRR homework will replace literacy homework
- Spellings
- Daily reading with 'Bug Club' as an option for one night
- Home learning projects

Years 4

- Alternate literacy and numeracy weekly homework.
- Once a term RRR homework will replace literacy homework
- Spellings
- Daily reading - One night will be reading a book on 'Bug Club'
- Home learning projects

Year 5

- Weekly literacy and numeracy homework
- Spellings
- Daily reading - One night will be 'Bug Club'
- Home learning projects

Year 6

- Weekly literacy and numeracy homework (written or My Maths)
- Spellings once a week
- Daily reading- One night will be 'Bug Club'
- Home learning project once a term
- RRR homework once a term

Role of the Class Teacher

- To provide a clear explanation of homework tasks to parents when necessary and give guidance of how they might assist their child.
- To set up regular homework
- To ensure that homework is set consistently across the yeargroup
- To set homework that takes equal opportunities into account
- To ensure homework is purposeful and links to the curriculum
- To reward and praise good homework
- To mark homework and give feedback

Role of the Parents

- To support the school by ensuring that their child attempts the work and hands it in on time
- To provide a suitable place for their child to carry out homework
- To encourage and praise their child when they have completed their homework
- To become actively involved and support their child in homework activities

At Fryern we are very keen for parents to support and help their child with homework. We take the view that children are more likely to get more out of an activity if parents get involved. The junior home learning projects can be in the form of models, art work, research, talks and stories and these are designed for you and your child to work on together. The form that these take will vary in order to suit all children and support our creative approach to learning.

Parents/Carers who have queries about homework should not hesitate to drop in and see their child's teacher.