



Respect Responsibility Relationships

Hollydale School Homework Policy

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HOLLYDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY

WHAT IS HOMEWORK AND HOW CAN PARENTS / CARERS HELP?

At Hollydale Primary School we take an approach of shared responsibility towards the support and learning of the pupils. Homework is an important element of this approach and should act to enrich the pupils learning experience both at school and at home.

The school will make every effort to ensure that homework arrives home in a presentable manner and we ask that parents / carers support and encourage their children to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to provide them with a suitable place and time for them to do this.

The homework given is differentiated according to ability and age and should act to consolidate and support what the children have been learning within the classroom. It also encourages children to work independently and while it is important to support your children please try to avoid doing it for them.

At school we expect parents / carers to support this process in the following ways:

- Parents/carers should help their children to learn spellings, and times tables.
- If children ask for help please support them but try to avoid doing it for them
- Please provide your children with basic resources such as pencil and paper and a place to work
- Parents/carers will be expected to encourage their children to take pride in their work and ensure that it is returned on time and in a presentable manner
- If homework has not been completed or there are any comments or concerns then please inform the class teacher
- Parents/carers are welcomed to make comments to the teacher regarding their children's homework and how they coped or approached it

Foundation Stage

In the Foundation Stage children will be given a reading book once a week and on a Friday they will be given some phonic sound sheets to learn. Children and parents/carers are expected to practice the sounds for 10 minutes a day throughout the week. They may also be given other 'home challenges' on Friday, linked to the numeracy and literacy learning from that week.

Key Stage (KS1)

Homework will be given out on Fridays and teachers will inform parents through the termly Curriculum Information Sheets when the homework should be returned. Pupils will be given a book in which to keep their work. Leading up to the national assessments, Year 2 children may have extra homework or other appropriate activities to support them through the process. This will decrease after the assessments have been completed. Mathematics homework is set once a week, and parents should encourage their child to use this website as often as possible. Spellings are given once a week, the day and test day will be specified on the termly curriculum information sheet.

Key Stage (KS2)

Homework will be given out on a Friday in a book which is to be returned on the day specified in the termly Curriculum Information Sheet. Children will receive 2 pieces of homework each week, consolidating the learning from numeracy and literacy that week. This may increase leading up to the national tests and decreasing afterwards (as above with Year 2). Mathematics homework is set once a week, and parents should encourage their child to use this website as often as possible. Spellings are given once a week, the day and test day will be specified on the termly curriculum information sheet.

Marking

Homework will be marked each time it is returned on time and late homework will usually be marked when a valid reason is given in writing or verbally by the parent/carer. When appropriate, comments will be made to inform the children and their parents/carers regarding their learning and we value any comments made by parents/carers.

Homework given will include reading, writing, maths work etc and we would also welcome your children bringing in any form of additional work they have done at home that they would like to share.

Children's learning will be enriched by activities such as visits to museums and libraries which we would encourage you to do with your children.

Reading

In addition to the formal homework set we would also encourage you to read to and listen to your children read daily for 10 minutes or at least 3 times a week. Please record this in the school reading record.

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