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Homework Guidance

The Homework

- For Upper Key Stage 2, weekly maths and English homework will be given out on Friday and is due in the following Thursday
- Topic projects will be set at the end of the penultimate week of each half term and can be completed and handed in at any point during the following half term
- Staff will offer to support children with resources if needed
- Topic projects will be encouraged by reminding the children, sharing good examples and sending Marvellous Me messages. They will be rewarded with “greens” on Trackit lights for any piece a child completes.
- No maths or English grammar in Upper Key Stage 2 will be set over a holiday
- Reading records will be checked by staff every Thursday, including the Thursday after a holiday. On each occasion, 4 entries is the minimum which is expected. Teachers will acknowledge the children’s reading with a stamp
- A list of resources and websites will be provided to parents that can be used to enhance the homework provision if children would like to complete additional tasks

In Foundation:

Learning together is the emphasis for children in Foundation and especially reading together. It is an ideal time to lay the foundations for continuing work at home. Reading books and keywords are sent home daily.

How much time should be spent on homework?

Foundation	Essential Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approx 10 minutes reading per day 4x per week.	Optional Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A half termly creative project linked to each topic
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In Key Stage 1:

For children in Key Stage 1, we encourage parents to work together with their child to support them with their reading and key words but we also include ways in which children can be supported by developing Number Skills and Maths facts.

Teachers will also send home topic projects to complement the curriculum and to help parents support their child’s learning.



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How much time should be spent on homework?

Years 1 and 2	Essential Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10-15 minutes reading per day 4x per week minimum ● Numbots (Y1) / TT Rock Stars (Y2) - children should complete the sessions set for them which should take 15-20 minutes 	Optional Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spelling games ● Phonics pack (Y1) / SATs pack (Y2) ● A half termly creative project linked to each topic
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In Key Stage 2:

As children get older, homework provides an opportunity for them to develop the skill of independent learning. It is important that parents support their children but good habits of independent study should be encouraged.

The main focus for homework in Key Stage 2 continues to be Reading, English and Maths. Teachers will also send home topic projects to complement the curriculum.

How much time should be spent on homework?

Years 3 and 4	Essential Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 15 minutes reading per day 4x per week minimum ● TT Rock Stars - children should complete the sessions set for them which should take 15-20 minutes 	Optional Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spelling games ● A half termly creative project linked to each topic
Years 5 and 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 20 minutes reading per day 4x per week minimum ● TT Rock Stars - children should complete the sessions set for them which should take 15-20 minutes ● A piece of grammar set via Google Classroom (Y5) or SATs companion (Y6) ● A piece of maths set via Google Classroom (Y5) or SATs companion (Y6) 	Optional Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spelling games ● A half termly creative project linked to each topic ● SATs pack (Y6)

Rewards and consequences for homework completion



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- The expectation is that children will complete homework
- Homework completion will be logged using Trackit lights as the children will be rewarded with a “green” when each piece of homework is handed in
- Homework completion will be monitored weekly by SLT
- Rewarding homework completion will be the main focus. However, some sanctions will be applied as the children become older to help prepare them for the next phase of their education

	Weekly Reward	Consequence
Foundation	House points through Trackit lights	
Years 1 and 2	House points through Trackit lights 15 mins golden time	Complete homework in golden time
Years 3 and 4	House points through Trackit lights	If TT Rock Stars is not complete, then teachers must find time in school for this to be completed If reading is not completed, children will be encouraged to read at lunchtime
Years 5 and 6	House points through Trackit lights	Detention for not completing homework (15mins for Reading and 15mins for Maths or English to a total of 30mins)

- Once a child has not completed their homework on 3 separate occasions, the teacher will contact a parent to discuss the situation. This may be in person, by phone or by letter.
- If homework is still not completed then further meetings will be arranged, these could include a member of the senior leadership team, the class teacher, parents and the child. A log of these meetings will be kept
- Homework club will be available to all children and may be recommended as part of the meeting with parents
- Teachers will use their professional judgement, to make reasonable adjustments dependent on children’s individual needs.

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