

Temple Grafton C of E Primary School

Homework Policy

We believe homework can play a valuable part in your child's education.

We feel that any work a child is asked to do outside normal lesson time, on their own or with their parents should be regarded as "homework".

The purpose of homework

- To provide opportunities for parents/guardians and children to work together.
- To develop a child's independent study skills.
- To practise skills being taught in the classroom.
- To develop a child's understanding of a topic area.
- To develop and extend thinking skills.

When? Where? and How?

- Children will be given homework by their class teachers in accordance with this policy
- Parents are asked to provide a suitable space for children to complete their homework and to help establish a regular routine for completing the tasks.
- Parents are encouraged to support their children and to check homework is completed.
- Sometimes children will need adult help to complete their homework, especially in hearing children to read, or in playing mathematical games.
- Pupils in years 2-6 are given weekly maths exercises from Schofield and Simms mental maths books called "I can do Maths" This work is allocated on a stage not age basis.

Marking

- All homework will be discussed in school.
- On many occasions the children will mark their own or each others homework.
- Sometimes homework is necessary for the next lesson to take place.

Amount of Homework

Reception

Please set aside a time to read with your child each day. This may involve sharing a book together or reading flash cards.

Class 2

Daily reading will continue, along with weekly spelling words exercises and weekly maths work. AR reading books will be followed by a quiz in school within 24hours of reading the book.

KS2 children

- Maths homework each week to be completed for marking session on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am.. (This work may be completed in school from 9.45 or during silent reading sessions 1.00 to 1.15)
- Daily reading from AR books, quizzes taken in school during the following day.
- Spellings. Words given to groups of pupils according to ability. Use Look and Say method to learn words and spelling tests to be undertaken in class on a weekly basis.
- Other homework may be set by the class teacher for research or topic work.

The amount of homework increases as the child progresses through the school and children are encouraged to complete it on time.

On average children in classes 1 and 2 should not be spending longer than 15 minutes on any piece of homework. This progresses to 20 minutes in class 3 and 30 minutes in class 4. Obviously if there are family reasons why homework could not be completed then teachers acknowledge this. Parents are asked to send in a note or to write in the homework diary if they have any concerns about homework.