

HOMework POLICY

HOMework IS ANY WORK OR ACTIVITY, WHICH CHILDREN ARE ASKED TO DO OUTSIDE SCHOOL EITHER ON THEIR OWN OR WITH PARENTS.

AIMS

Homework develops a partnership between school and home and is considered to be a valuable element of the teaching and learning process.

Children are encouraged to work at home on a regular basis to:

- consolidate and reinforce skills in literacy and numeracy
- find out information
- read in order to prepare for lessons
- develop confidence and self discipline
- prepare them for High School.

PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGIES

The children will follow a regular programme so that everyone knows what to expect each week.

Learning at home is an essential part of good education. Effective homework is a partnership between parents and school.

Regular homework is important since it gives pupils the opportunity to practice at home the tasks done in class, and helps the pupils work towards improving important skills. It also helps children to become confident and independent in their learning, which will help throughout their time at school, and in adult life.

In the main, the focus of homework is on the important skills of literacy and numeracy. The older children in school are given other tasks such as finding out and preparing information as well as traditional writing tasks. This helps to ease the transfer to secondary schools.

The suggested time of 30 minutes a day for Years 5 and 6 does include work spent on tables, reading and spelling. Reading and tables are the responsibility of the parents, ensuring their children practice these important areas. Children are reminded regularly by teachers to practice at home.

SEESAW AND TAPESTRY

Every parent in Reception is given a Tapestry account. Tapestry is an easy to use online learning journal helping staff and families celebrate their children's learning and development.

Every child from year 1 to year 6 is given a Seesaw account. Seesaw is a platform used for posting and sharing school work. Highfield staff use Seesaw to post homework for children and children may post their homework on seesaw for their teacher to see. Seesaw creates a powerful learning loop between children, teachers and families.

At the beginning of each term a year group newsletter is sent home with suggestions of activities that could support your child's learning in school. Occasionally we will send home practical activities for you to do with your child.

Highfield Homework Timetable

Year Group	Reading	Spelling	Maths	Set tasks	Online contact
Reception	Reading book twice weekly	Phonic practise - updated weekly on Tapestry		Termly newsletter with suggested activities	Tapestry
Year 1	Daily reading at home (20 mins)	Weekly spellings		Termly newsletter with suggested activities	Seesaw
Year 2	Daily reading at home (20 mins)	Weekly spellings		Termly newsletter with suggested activities	Seesaw
Year 3	Daily reading at home (20 mins)	Weekly spellings	Weekly times tables	One piece of homework (50 mins max)	Seesaw Times Tables Rockstars
Year 4	Daily reading at home (20 mins)	Weekly spellings	Weekly times tables	One piece of homework (50 mins max)	Seesaw Times Tables Rockstars
Year 5	Daily reading at home (20 mins)	Weekly spellings	One piece of homework (30 mins)	One piece of homework (30 mins)	Seesaw
Year 6	Daily reading at home (20 mins)	Weekly spellings	One piece of homework (30 mins)	One piece of homework (30 mins)	Seesaw