

Featherstone Primary School

Homework Policy



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Monitoring, evaluation and review: Every two years

Introduction

The school policy for homework was developed and agreed by the whole staff and has the full agreement of the Governing Board.

Aims

Through this policy we aim to:

- Ensure that parents are clear about what their child is expected to do
- Improve the quality of the learning experience offered to pupils and to extend it beyond the classroom environment
- Provide opportunities for parents, children and the school to work together in partnership in relation to children's learning
- Reinforce work covered in class by providing further opportunities for individual learning
- To practise or consolidate basic skills and knowledge, especially in Numeracy and Literacy
- Encourage children to develop the responsibility, confidence and self-discipline needed to study independently

Role of the Class Teacher

- To provide an explanation of homework tasks to parents when necessary and give guidance of how they might assist their child. This may be done by a note with the work or an example
- To set up regular homework in an easily followed routine
- To ensure any homework is purposeful and links directly to the curriculum being taught
- To reward and praise children who regularly complete homework tasks
- To mark homework when necessary and give feedback to pupils
- To celebrate effort through certificates, house points, Marvellous Me or displaying work in class.

Role of Parents/Carers

- To sign a home school agreement dealing with homework
- To support the school by ensuring that their child attempts the homework
- To provide a suitable place for their child to carry out their homework
- To encourage and praise their child when they have completed their homework
- To become actively involved and support their child with homework activities
- To make it clear that they value homework and they support the school by explaining how it can help learning

At Featherstone Primary Schools we are very keen for parents to support and help their children with homework. We take the view that children are likely to get more out of an activity if parents get involved as long as they do not take over too much.

However, there are times when we will want to see what children can do on their own. It is particularly important, as they get older, for children to become increasingly independent in their learning. If a parent is unsure about what their role should be, they should discuss it with their child's teacher.

Homework sent home for each Year group

Year	Amount of time on Homework	These may include:	Day sent
Reception:	30 min per week	Reading books Numbots (Basic number work) 100 Book challenge ½ term topic tasks linked to learning passport	Throughout week
Years 1 and 2	1 hour per week	Reading Books 100 Book challenge Weekly Spellings Mental maths ½ term topic tasks linked to learning passport	Throughout week
Years 3 and 4	1.5 hours per week	Reading Books 100 Book challenge Weekly Spellings TT Rock Stars Doodle Learning: English & Maths ½ term topic tasks linked to learning passport	Throughout week Doodle Learning: Thursday
Years 5 and 6	30 minutes per day	Reading Books 100 Book challenge Weekly Spellings SATs Companion: Reading, SPaG, Maths ½ term topic tasks linked to learning passport	Throughout week SATs Companion: Thursday

If my child is absent or ill, will they need to complete homework?

If children are absent due to illness we will not send homework home. We would assume the child was too ill to work.

Where homework is set on an online platform, this will continue to be set. Teachers will take into consideration where a child has been absent due to illness when completing this.

If a child is absent for a length of time e.g. with a broken leg, the teacher and the parent will agree what should be done, how it should be marked and what sort of help needs to be given. In such circumstances, the teacher should consult the Head Teacher first.

It is not possible to give homework when parents take holidays in term time. Parents/Carers who have queries about homework should not hesitate to make an appointment to see their child's class teacher or target group teacher.

What do I do if I have a query?

If your child has a problem completing the homework or you have any questions, please email enquiry, speak to the class teacher at the end of the day or write a note to the teacher. We will do all that we can to resolve the problem. Your support in the process is vital for children's success in developing self-study skills as they move on up through the school.