

Fiddlers Lane

Community Primary School

Homework Policy

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Homework Policy

There is the expectation that children should engage in homework. Homework helps to reinforce and extend learning, and there is clear evidence that completing homework helps to improve standards.

What homework will be set?

Homework will be set in 3 areas:

- Reading and Phonics
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Maths

Not all children in each class will receive the same homework; it depends where the child is at on their learning journey.

Reading

- **Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1** – all children are expected to read 5 times a week, for at least 10 minutes. Any reading completed should be written in the child's reading record, and signed by parents daily. Key words are sent home to learn.
- **Key Stage 2** – all children are expected to read at least 5 times a week, for at least 10 minutes each time. In Year 3 and Year 4 parents need to sign the child's reading record daily, and in Year 5 and Year 6, the children should enter their reading daily, and this should be signed by a parent weekly.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar

- **KS1** - 5 words from the appropriate phonic phase weekly.
- **KS2** - A spelling pattern and 5 spellings will be given each fortnight to learn for a test, which will include words related to the pattern/ rule.
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- Children are expected to know their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. This means quick mental recall with related division facts.

This is the minimum amount of homework that will be set. More homework might be given e.g. in the approach to SATs and the phonics test. Other homework might be given connected to topic work.

'Homework helper' and 'Jargon Buster leaflets' will be available to all parents in order to support the completion of homework.

A lunch time homework club is run weekly at various points in the year, where pupils can complete tasks.

Homework Rewards

When each child completes each piece of their homework, (achieving 7/10 or above in spellings, or reading at least 3 times a week and completing tasks from homework books) this will be recorded, anonymously, on the class 'House Chart'.

Each week, the House with the most completed homework will receive the House Homework Trophy and each child in the winning house will receive an extra prize point. The trophy will be presented in Friday's Celebration Assembly.

As a school we recognise that the ability to complete homework is not just dependant on the child. For this reason, no child will receive a sanction if they do not complete their homework. However, parents of children who regularly do not hand in homework will be offered support in order to help this improve.

Monitoring

This policy is monitored by the Policy Committee, including homework return rates.

The policy will be reviewed biannually.