

Woodlands Community Primary School

Homework Policy



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**Children who are supported at home do better at school
Parents are important partners in their children's learning**

Purpose

Through our policy we aim to:

- Encourage a positive attitude to learning
- Consolidate and extend learning experiences and raise attainment
- Motivate learners
- Provide opportunities for parents/carers, children and school to work in partnership
- Ensure progression towards **independence and individual responsibility** preparing our children for the next stage of their learning.

Teachers will undertake to:

- Set homework which is varied, has a clear focus and takes into account the differing ability levels of the pupils in the class.
- Explain expectations and how to carry out the homework, modelling if needed.
- Make sure that homework extends and consolidates work that has been done in class and mainly focuses on the areas of literacy and numeracy.
- Inform parents if children regularly fail to do their homework or if it is below the expected standard for that child.
- Praise achievement and ensure that all homework is marked as soon as possible.

Parents will undertake to:

- Encourage their child to do their homework regularly
- Ensure that reading is carried out at home regularly
- Encourage children to work in a reasonably quiet place without distraction
- Engage with homework by asking their child to explain what work has been completed and what they have learnt
- Encourage and praise their child when homework is done
- Talk to the school if there are problems with homework

Children will undertake to:

- Carry out homework tasks as directed by their teacher
- Read regularly at home
- Explain homework tasks and what has been learnt to their parents

Progression

All children will be encouraged to undertake homework from Nursery to Year 6
Information about current areas of learning will be sent home every half term so that learning can be followed up at home.

Early years – Nursery

From entry into Nursery children will be encouraged to learn at home with their parents. Our Nursery children are encouraged to share books or activities with an adult at home.

Early years – Reception

Our Reception children are encouraged to read as often as possible with an adult. From their second term sometimes they may also complete a language or maths activity. The activities will consolidate basic skills that the children are learning in class and will enable children to share activities with parents and carers.

Years 1 and 2

Children are encouraged to read every night with an adult.

Maths activities will be set every week. Weekly phonics activities will be set for year 1 and phonics or spelling activities will be set for year 2. **We ask parents and carers to work with and support their children with these activities.** Learning Logs will also be used for occasional creative homework.

Years 3 and 4

Children are encouraged to read at home every night. This reading may be fiction or non-fiction books and we ask that adults at home question them about their reading.

English and maths activities will be set every week. We ask that parents/carers encourage their children to work as independently as possible on the activities provided. The children will need to learn all their tables up to 12 X 12 by the end of year 4

Years 5 and 6

Children are encouraged to read at home regularly. This reading may be books (both fiction and non fiction) and/or newspapers. We ask that adults at home ask questions about their reading to check understanding when possible

English and maths activities will be set every week. We ask that parents/carers encourage their children to work as independently as possible on the activities provided.

All children have yellow reading records which are used for recording books taken home and any dialogue with parents.

Homework clubs operate for children in KS2

Useful equipment to have at home:

Pens, pencils, ruler, colouring pencils, dictionary, thesaurus

Recommended time allocation for homework:

Years 1 and 2 – 1 hour per week

Years 3 to 6 - 1 to 1.5 hours per week