

Homework Policy



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At Unstone Schools Federation we offer a rich and varied curriculum, designed to broaden and enhance children's experiences and academic learning. We recognise that school is not the only place where children learn. The experiences that children get at home is of upmost value to their development as they grow into young citizens.

We define homework as any activity that pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members. Although there is no legal requirement to have a Homework policy, the policy has been drawn up in line with recommendations.

Purpose of home learning

- To provide an opportunity for parents to become involved in the academic development of their child
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding, particularly with basic skills and the topic curriculum
- It is a great opportunity to rehearse key skills such as times tables, doubling facts, addition sums, spellings, handwriting and other key facts;
- To provide an enjoyable and purposeful supplement to class work
- To encourage children as they get older to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study independently in preparation for the demands of Secondary School

Homework Club

A homework club is available for children during lunchtime to support them in completing their homework. It is open to all children but can support children who;

- do not regularly complete their homework
- find it hard to find a quiet place to work at home or have problems finding resources

Broadly speaking these are current expectations:

The work should always have been explained and discussed in class before coming home; it may be a continuation of classwork, or a maths games already familiar to your child. It is our intention, and good practice, not to send work home that the child cannot already do i.e. parents are not expected to teach new skills.

We expect children to maintain the same standards for presentation of homework as we set in school i.e. to use their best handwriting and a sharp pencil.

Homework in EYFS

In EYFS (Nursery & Reception) we encourage parental involvement to establish a firm partnership between school and home.

Reading:

- Books are sent home for the children to share and enjoy with their parents/carers.

Phonics:

- Letter sounds and key words are given out and parents are asked to help their child practice the sounds

Homework in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & Year 2)

Reading:

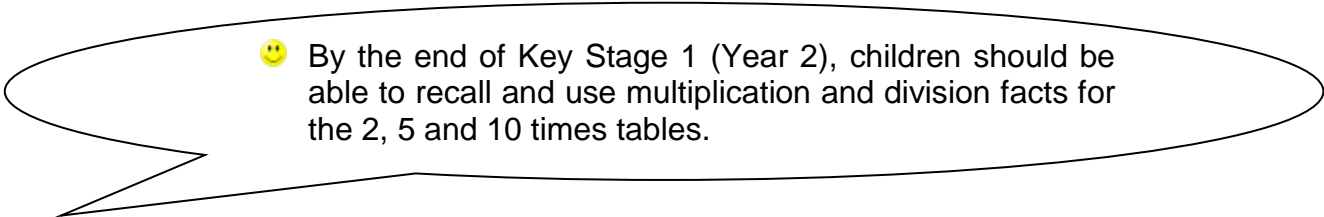
- Daily reading with an adult. Please ask your child questions about the characters, setting and plot to check their understanding. Please comment in their reading record book.

Spelling:

- Spellings are set every week for a test on Friday. Please look out for your child's spellings in their book bag.

Topic:

- This will take the form of projects which you can work on with your child. An idea leaflet is given out by the class teacher.



😊 By the end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2), children should be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Homework in Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5,6)

Reading:

- Daily reading with an adult. Listen to your child read and ask them questions about their book. Encourage your child to read across a wide range of genres. Please comment in their reading record.

English:

- A piece of reading comprehension and Spelling Shed.

Maths:

- TT Rockstars and a piece of work linked to the lesson. Guidance will also be provided on a range of fun and practical ways that parents can support their child with maths at home.

😊 By the end of Year 3, children should be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

😊 By the end of Year 4, children should be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for all tables up to 12 x12

What to do if you have concerns

If you find the homework inappropriate for your child, if they lack interest, if it becomes a battleground or if you are concerned that homework is given inconsistently please talk with your child's teacher in the first instance.

Monitoring:

The policy will be reviewed every 3 years.