

Rokeby Park Primary School



Homework Policy

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Rationale

We believe that before they leave primary school, all children should have become used to the idea of doing some homework. From their first day at primary school, children can now expect homework regularly, and we feel, therefore, it is necessary to prepare them for this. Homework acclimatises children to the idea that school work may involve study outside normal hours.

- Homework needs to be useful, on-going work that will aid progress.
- It needs to be self-marking or assessed as a class e.g. spelling test.
- It needs to be as child specific as possible, so parents/siblings do not do the work for the children. (Except in the Foundation Stage where parents are actively encouraged to help).
- It needs to be at least once a week, and shown to be of value to both the pupil and the parent.
- The precise nature of homework will vary, but may include: completion of work started in class, preparation of work for some new class focus, other forms of personal research, but will include some learning of spelling.

Organisation

All homework completed will be kept in a folder or book used for homework only.

Homework will be shown as work of value by the school e.g. by displays, Caring & Sharing assemblies and class discussions.

Year 6 Homework will be given each Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will include Maths, Literacy and Science with Spelling.

Reporting to parents

Recording of completion of tasks will be used and parents will be informed when children persistently do not return homework, by letter and at Open Evenings.

Suggestions for Homework

Nursery

Pre-reading and writing skills

Early maths work

Phonics

Reading books

Letter formation sheets/pencil control

Speaking and listening activities

Year R

Phonic worksheets

Reading books and words from the reading scheme

Speaking and Listening work – Talk homework

Letter and number formation sheets

Relevant subjects connected to topics being studied

KS1

Reading books and tricky words from the reading scheme

Spellings of common words with supplementary phonics sheets

Speaking and Listening work – Talk homework

Number bonds and Times tables

Relevant subjects connected to topics being studied

KS2

Reading at the appropriate level for the child

Spellings

Talk homework in preparation for Writing

Maths and Times tables

Relevant subjects connected to topic being studied