



HOMework POLICY

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SHIREMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework Policy

This Policy was developed after gathering views of teachers, children and parents and creating a parent/teacher 'Working Group' who considered all views and looked at a range of options and created our Homework Policy as a result.

Children work hard during the school day. The purpose of homework is to:

- Ensure parents are aware of the work children are doing in school
- Reinforce learning at home
- Engage parents in supporting their child
- Support children in developing good study habits before the next stage in their academic journey and for lifelong learning

Daily Reading and Spellings

Daily reading at home either from the Ginn Reading Scheme or through Accelerated Reader or a child's own choice of reading material. Reading should be recorded by parents in the Reading Diary.

- Ginn reading scheme is a sight vocabulary system which is used throughout key stage 1 and 2. Children are encouraged to read at least 4 times per week.
- Accelerated Reader – once children are nearing completion of the Ginn reading scheme or are ready to supplement this, they can access a range of genres through the Accelerated Reader programme. Children must pass a comprehension based assessment before they can move onto to another book. All books are chosen based on the pupils Zone of Proximal Development are regularly monitored and assessed.
- Spellings are taught in class however it is important that parents support children at home with these to embed them.

Daily Times tables

- Children's homework diaries contain tables to aid with practise at home.
- Regular assessments will be carried out each week with children. If they are successful in achieving a times table, they will be awarded the relevant times tables badge in our Excellence assembly.
- Rock Star times table is an online application that allows children to practise their times tables.

Optional Homework

Maths

All children from year 1 to year 6 along with more able pupils in Reception have CPD homework books. These match the National Curriculum for each year group. Children are recommended to work through one page per week. Teachers do not mark the Reading Comprehension or maths homework as these are home learning opportunities however the

objectives are covered in class and therefore it is important that children are encouraged to complete this. Parents should mark other homework with their child to show they value effort. Year 6 use Doodle maths in addition to this.

English

- Optional Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar booklets are given to children in Key Stage 1. These contain elements of work that will be completed in class and will offer additional challenge if your child wishes to complete this.
- Comprehension books are provided across key stage 2 and children can choose to do a weekly comprehension.
- SAT busters are given in year 6 and Reading Plus logins in addition to this.

Home Challenges

Your child will receive a 'Menu' of optional homework activities which you can choose to complete at your own pace. These are designed to encourage family learning and are usually linked to a theme or topic that your child is learning that year.

It is important to all parties that homework should not add to teacher workload or distract teachers from their school planning and also that positive action is taken against children for not handing in homework should not create a negative attitude towards homework or waste time during the school day. Therefore, it is up to parents how much they support children in engaging in homework. Teachers will ensure that all children work to their potential during the school day but hope that parents will support their children in reading their potential at home by providing them enhancement opportunities.