

# Heron Way Primary School Homework Policy

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## Introduction

"The aim of a homework policy is to promote learning at home as an essential part of good education. Homework not only reinforces classroom learning, it also helps children and young people to develop skills and attitudes they need for successful lifelong learning. It supports the development of independent learning skills, including the habits of enquiry and investigation." Department for Education and Science

We have endeavoured in this booklet to explain the variety of types of homework your child may bring home and the school's expectations of the children. These expectations will be different depending on the age of your child.

For very young children the emphasis is on practising skills, for example practising their reading by sharing a book with you gives them valuable one to one time.

For our oldest children homework is very demanding and will help them to become increasingly responsible for their own learning by developing fundamental study skills such as investigating, organising, planning, concentration, selecting, rejecting, completing, reviewing, improving and evaluating. These study skills are essential to ensure that the children for transfer to secondary school are fully prepared for the expectations which lie ahead.

We have tried through our policy and practice to ensure that year by year your child's experience of homework increases at an appropriate rate. It is always difficult to be exact on the amount of time children should spend on their homework as this may vary from child to child and from task to task. However we expect the children will spend about:

- ❖ Years R, 1 and 2 1 hour per week
- ❖ Years 3 and 4 20 - 30 minutes per day (plus 20 minutes per day reading)
- ❖ Years 5 and 6 ½ hour per day (plus ¼ hour per day reading fiction) and an hour at the weekend.

So that you can easily find the section relevant to your child, we have three guidelines:-

- Homework Guidelines for Key Stage One and Reception children,
- Homework Guidelines for Years 3 and 4
- Homework Guidelines for Years 5 and 6

We hope that you will find this booklet helpful and informative and that it provides you with the information you need to support your child as they work their way through the school. As we say throughout the booklet:

**DON'T FORGET WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU AND YOUR CHILD.**

**IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, PLEASE SPEAK TO US ON THE PLAYGROUND, TELEPHONE US AT SCHOOL OR CONTACT US VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE.WE WILL ALWAYS HELP IF WE CAN!**

## OUR HOMEWORK POLICY

### PHILOSOPHY

We believe that: -

- Children should be treated equally irrespective of gender, race, behaviours or ability.
- Children should be encouraged to develop a sense of responsibility for their learning and to think independently.
- Homework should provide a regular three-way link between child, parent and teacher.
- Homework should enhance, consolidate and support the children's work in school.

### PRINCIPLES

We intend that: -

- Children should be encouraged to take increasingly more responsibility for their learning.
- The homework is set so that all children have the opportunity to succeed irrespective of parental or other support.

### PRACTICE

#### Reception

The children will: -

- Take home words or letter formation sheets to practise with their parents.
- Take home a book to share with their parents.

#### Key Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2

The children will: -

- Take home spellings to learn.
- Take home a book to share with their parents. It is recommended that all children spend between 5 and ten minutes per day reading fiction, and nonfiction
- Be given a weekly Mathematics task or interactive game to share with their parents.

#### Lower Key Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4

The children will: -

- Use Google Classroom for homework
- Take home weekly spellings to learn.
- Take home tables to learn.
- Be set Maths homework each week.
- Spend at least twenty minutes per day reading a range of genre
- Topic homework set weekly

#### Upper KS2 – Years 5 and 6

The children will: -

- Homework is posted via Google Classroom
- Have homework taking a minimum of ½hr per evening and an hour at the weekend.
- Be given work, which is related to current study in the classroom.
- Spend at least 15 minutes per day reading for pleasure.
- Follow the homework schedule as set out in Year 5/6 guidelines.