

FERNDALE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



Homework Policy

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At Ferndale Primary and Nursery school, homework activities are an important part of our home/school partnership and all children are expected to take part in a variety of homework tasks to enhance and support their work in class.

Our homework policy is designed to:

- 🌐 Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school.
- 🌐 Provide opportunities for parents and children to work in partnership and to share and enjoy learning experiences.
- 🌐 Consolidate and reinforce basic skills and knowledge, especially in English and Maths.
- 🌐 Provide opportunities, as children get older, to develop skills for independent learning.

This policy is intended to ensure consistency across the school in terms of home learning practice.

Homework should enhance learning through:

- 🌐 Encouraging children to develop organisational skills and self- discipline;
- 🌐 Bridging the gap between home and school to provide parents and carers with direct involvement in their learning;
- 🌐 Develop children's independent learning skills;
- 🌐 Personalising learning and developing children's self-motivation and self-confidence.

As a guide:

Nursery - Life skills and parental engagement

- 🌐 Children will be asked to carry out tasks such as bake a cake with an adult, write their name with a stick in some mud etc. This will all be communicated and shared through tapestry.

Foundation Stage Two

To support children as they begin their journey into primary school your child will be given the following tasks:

- 🌐 Phonics – regular practice of these will be expected
- 🌐 Daily reading – all children will be expected to read at least 5 times a week this should be at least 10 minutes and will need to be signed off in their reading diary. Children will have a specific reading book from school and this needs to be their main reading book however it is acceptable on occasions to include other reading material as their daily read or in discussion with the class teacher
- 🌐 Challenge of the week, this will be either maths or English based such as a shape hunt, reading tricky words etc.
- 🌐 Numbot set weekly online.

All about me books, which are given to the children before they start FS2 will be given back every half term for parents and children to update

Homework will be sent home on Friday.

Year 1

- 🌍 Daily reading – all children will be expected to read at least 5 times a week this should be at least 10 minutes and will need to be signed off in their reading diary. Children will have a specific reading book from school and this needs to be their main reading book however it is acceptable on occasions to include other reading material as their daily read or in discussion with the class teacher
- 🌍 Daily phonics (Autumn term Phase 2 & 3; Spring and Summer term Phase 4 & 5).
- 🌍 Common exception words sheets to be sent once a fortnight. Regular practice of common exception words depending on where your child is on their learning journey. This may increase before the children take part in their phonics assessment. This is to support the child in being able to fully access this assessment. The expectation is that an adult will practice these daily with the child at home.
- 🌍 Maths once a week to consolidate learning in class.
- 🌍 Numbot set weekly online.

Homework will be sent home on Thursday.

Spellings will be tested on Thursday.

Year 2

Year 2 homework supports their journey towards the SATs they take at the end of the academic year and will include:

- 🌍 Spellings – regular practice of these will be expected
- 🌍 Daily reading – all children will be expected to read at least 5 times a week this should be at least 10 minutes and will need to be signed off in their reading diary. Children will have a specific reading book from school and this needs to be their main reading book however it is acceptable on occasions to include other reading material as their daily read or in discussion with the class teacher
- On alternating weeks:
 - 🌍 Weekly maths, this can be either worksheet or activity based.
 - 🌍 Weekly grammar related worksheet/activity
 - 🌍 TTRockstars weekly set tables

Year 2 homework will increase, as the children get closer towards their SATs; this is to support the children in feeling confident in accessing their SATs.

Homework will be sent home on Friday.

Spellings will be tested on Friday.

Year 3

- 🌍 Spellings – children will have a daily practice sheet, which will be expected to be filled in each day. The children will be tested weekly on their spellings and will be expected to get over 75% correct
- 🌍 Daily reading – all children will be expected to read at least 5 times a week this should be at least 15 minutes and will need to be signed off in their reading diary. Children will have a specific reading book from school and this needs to be their main reading book however it is acceptable on occasions to include other reading material as their daily read or in discussion with the class teacher
- 🌍 Weekly maths, this will be based on topics covered in lessons.
- 🌍 Times Table Rockstars.

Homework will be sent home on Friday.

Spelling will be tested on Friday.

Year 4

- 🌍 Spellings – children will have a daily practice sheet, which will be expected to be filled in each day. The children will be tested weekly on their spellings and will be expected to get over 75% correct
- 🌍 Daily reading – this can include and/or be replaced with a comprehension activity. All children will be expected to read at least 5 times a week; this should be at least 15 minutes and will need to be signed off in their reading diary. Children will have a specific reading book from school and this needs to be their main reading book however it is acceptable on occasions to include other reading material as their daily read or in discussion with the class teacher
- 🌍 Weekly maths will be a paper based times tables activity.
- 🌍 Times Tables Rockstars.

Homework will be sent home on Friday.

Spellings will be tested on Friday.

Year 5

- 🌍 Spellings – children will have a daily practice sheet, which will be expected to be filled in each day at home. The children will be tested weekly on their spellings and will be expected to get over 75% correct
- 🌍 Daily reading – all children will be expected to read at least 5 times a week. This should be for at least 15 minutes and will need to be signed off in their reading diary by an adult. Children will have a specific reading book from school and this needs to be their main

reading book, however it is acceptable on occasions to include other reading material as their daily read or in discussion with the class teacher

- 🌍 Children should be using Times Table Rockstars on a regular basis to improve the speed and accuracy of their times tables and the corresponding division facts
- 🌍 Additional maths and English based activities will be set on alternate weeks. These will be set on a Friday and will be due in the following Wednesday.

Homework will be sent home on Thursday/Friday.

Spellings will be tested on Thursday/Friday.

Year 6

To support the children in their transition to secondary school and to help them fully access their SATs, homework increases in this year group. Towards the end of Year 6, extra pieces will be set if needed – this will be done solely to support the child with their learning.

- 🌍 Spellings – children will have a daily practice sheet, which will be expected to be filled in each day. The children will be tested weekly on their spellings and will be expected to get over 75% correct as this will be tailored towards their ability.
- 🌍 Daily reading – all children will be expected to read at least 6 times a week this should be at least 15 minutes and will need to be signed off in their reading diary. This could also include a reading comprehension (although this will not be a weekly expectation). Children will have a specific reading book from school and this needs to be their main reading book however it is acceptable on occasions to include other reading material as their daily read or in discussion with the class teacher, such as Bugclub or an educational magazine.
- 🌍 Weekly maths, this will be through a worksheet, activity, or Times Table Rockstars
- 🌍 Weekly grammar activity, this will be through a worksheet or Edshed or Bugclub gramma.
- 🌍 Children should be using Times Table Rockstars on a regular basis to improve the speed and accuracy of their times tables and the corresponding division facts

Homework will be sent home on Thursday.

Spellings will be tested on Friday.

Consequences

If a child does not complete their reading and/or not bringing in their signed reading diary, they will be expected to read for 10 minutes of either their playtime or lunch time. This will be 5 minutes for children in Year 1 and Year 2.

If a piece of homework, including weekly spelling marks and recording sheets and Internet based homework is not completed on time the child will be asked to stay in for 15 minutes of their

lunchtime. During this time, they will work either on the homework given or on a piece of work, which supports their current learning.

Reading daily means a recommended time of 10 – 15 minutes; this can include talking about the book and questioning your child about what they have just read. It is also ok to use a Kindle or other electronic device, when not reading the given book from school.

If a child cannot access the Internet, they or the adult will need to let the class teacher know so that a paper copy can be given. This needs to be done before the day the homework is expected in.

We are here to support so encourage parent/carers to communicate with us and ensure all children can access homework set.