



**BOURNEBROOK
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Homework Policy

September 2023
Next review due date: September 2024

At Bournebrook we set homework to support learning completed in school. We believe that through the Primary years there should be a steadily increasing expectation on children to work at home so that, by the end of Year 6 when moving on to secondary school, they are ready for the commitment their new school will expect. We feel that one of the purposes of homework is to create a habit and an expectation among pupils that it is necessary – and hopefully enjoyable – to do some work at home.

Homework expectations for each year group are as follows:

Reception:

- A Little Wandle reading book, given out on Wednesday returned on Monday. Reading to be recorded onto Track my Read.
- Letter sounds will be sent home after they have been taught in school. The children will get the opportunity to practice the letter formation, recognising and saying the sound out loud.
- During the year, numeracy homework may also be sent home as a number challenge or number formation practice.

Elm Class

- A Little Wandle reading book, given out on Wednesday returned on Monday. Reading to be recorded onto Track my Read.
- A weekly book share book- for you to read together and talk about. Books will be changed every Friday.
- Weekly English activity to be completed in the English Homework book will be set on Tuesdays on TEAMS for handing in on TEAMS on Sunday.
- Weekly maths activity to be completed in the Maths Homework book will be set on Tuesdays on TEAMS for handing in on TEAMS on Sunday.
- Year 2 Weekly spellings to practice on TEAMS- spelling test on Monday
- Year 2 Earn 200 coins on Timestable Rockstars – will be checked every Friday

Willow Class

- Daily reading (of school reading book or other) for ten minutes. Reading to be recorded onto Track my Read by an adult . Please note, teachers will not always take up a reading book where a parent has left off but may move back several pages for a variety of reasons, e.g. comprehension of the text, reinforcing a particular reading strategy or prediction work. Reading homework is not intended as a means for a child to “race through the reading scheme”, but to encourage a habit of sharing and celebrating their reading development.
- Weekly English activity to be completed in the English Homework book will be set on Tuesdays on TEAMS for handing in on TEAMS on Sunday.
- Weekly maths activity to be completed in the Maths Homework book will be set on Tuesdays on TEAMS for handing in on TEAMS on Sunday.
- Weekly spellings to practice on TEAMS- spelling test on Monday
- Earn 200 coins on Timestable Rockstars - will be checked every Friday

Beech and Ash

- Daily reading of a minimum of ten minutes, reading to be recorded onto Track my Read. This may be a school book, home book *or any other form of reading*. Even though children in upper school are fluent readers it is still important for them to read aloud and read with adult daily. Can you please sign their reading record at least 3 times a week.
- Reading journals are optional - choose an activity to complete.
- Weekly English activity to be completed in the English Homework book will be set on Tuesdays on TEAMS for handing in on TEAMS on Sunday.
- Weekly maths activity to be completed in the Maths Homework book will be set on Tuesdays on TEAMS for handing in on TEAMS on Sunday.
- Weekly spellings to practice on TEAMS. *Statutory spelling lists are available on the school website.*
- Earn 500 coins on Timestable Rockstars- will be checked every Friday

Lower school homework should take approximately 20 minutes each night. Upper school home work should take approximately 20 minutes per day, with formal written tasks taking an additional 20 minutes.

All children from KS1 upwards are encouraged to learn times tables and practice telling the time at home. Additional homework and revision may be given to pupils preparing for sats tests.

Absence from school

If a child is absent from school for a short period of time through illness, (less than a week), then we feel that their recovery at home is of the prime importance and homework will not be given.

Covid Remote Learning Policy

Teachers will, in line with Government requirements, provide work for children who are self-isolating or if part of the school has to close. Our Remote Learning arrangements can be found on the school website.

Parental Involvement in Homework

- Essentially, we hope that you will encourage your child to develop the habit of doing some work at home.
- Help with reading spelling, maths etc. is always appreciated, but please remember that achieving the right answers is not the only aim. It is quite acceptable for children to make mistakes in their work at home provided the teacher can see how their answers were reached. Only by understanding how they make mistakes can the teacher begin to correct misunderstandings and teach the processes that produce the right answers.
- We ask that you help to foster a good home/school relationship by encouraging your child to be prompt in returning their homework tasks to school.
- There are a lot of commercially produced workbooks that can be easily obtained from local book shops. If your child really enjoys doing these, then by all means encourage them. Please, however, ensure the work is at your child's level. We strive to challenge children but equally, try not to undermine their confidence by giving them tasks they cannot do.
- We do not wish for pupils to sit for hours to finish homework (unless they are enjoying what they do). This is because we do not want them to equate homework with punishment. Never let homework become a battle ground. A short note to the teacher with the child's work would be appreciated and then, hopefully, we can resolve the problem.
- Please note that homework that is not handed in on the appropriate day will not be chased and will not be marked by the class teacher.