



Whitemoor Academy Homework Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to make explicit what is expected of both teachers and pupils regarding weekly homework activities. All members of staff are expected to be familiar with the policy and to apply it consistently.

The need for a homework policy

Homework is an essential element of children's primary school education. It enables them to further consolidate their learning at home by extending what they have learned at school. Furthermore, it enables pupils to deepen the understanding of the learning that has taken place at school to ensure that they are secure in their learning of key concepts. Completing homework enables pupils to make good progress in their learning. It also helps to prepare children to become independent learners and manage their own time effectively in preparation for secondary school and beyond.

What will homework consist of?

EYFS

- Daily reading which will be recorded in the reading record book.
- Optional topic-based learning tasks as set by the class teacher at the start of each half term. We encourage children to complete one task each week.

Key Stage One

In Year One and Two, children will be set homework as follows:

- Daily reading which will be recorded in the reading record book.
- Spellings and Times Tables: pupils will be given new spellings to learn each week and should practise their times tables for 5 minutes each day. By the end of Year 2, children will be expected to have rapid recall of their 2s, 5s and 10s.
- One piece of maths. This may be computer-based maths work such as Sum Dog or Times Table Rockstars, or a paper based piece of work to complete.
- Topic-based learning tasks as set by the class teacher at the start of each half term. We encourage children to complete one task each week.

Key Stage Two:

In Year Three, Four, Five and Six, children will be set homework as follows:

- Daily reading, to be recorded in the reading record book.
- Spellings and Times Tables: pupils will be given new spellings to learn every week. These will be tested the following week. Children will produce Look, Cover, Write, Check for these spellings each day.
- One piece of maths per week. This may be computer-based maths work such as Times Tables Rockstars or Sum Dog or a paper based piece of work to complete.
- Topic-based learning tasks as set by the class teacher at the start of each half term. We encourage children to complete one task each week.

In Year 6, children will also have additional SATs booster work to complete to prepare them for the end of KS2 assessments and prepare them for the demand of homework at secondary school.

When is homework set?

All year groups have topic-based homework set at the start of each half term. All other new homework is set every Friday. This homework should be returned to school by the following Friday morning, allowing children a full week to complete the activities which have been set.

Holiday homework

On occasion, children will be set a piece of homework to complete during the school holidays. This piece of work will link with the next topic that children will learn. The homework will allow children to research and be inspired by their next topic and start the topic with knowledge and questions to investigate further.

Star home learning

Exceptional pieces of 'home learning' will be celebrated within the classrooms but also in our achievement assembly on Fridays. This will include work that children complete at home beyond that set by their class teacher. We may also share some of these pieces of work on social media.

Marking

Homework should be marked in line with the marking policy. Children should be given adequate feedback regarding how well they have done and where appropriate, what they need to do to improve.

Parents and Homework

Parents are encouraged to guide children with their homework should they need it, however they should encourage the child to work independently to complete the tasks set. If parents have any issues with homework they should raise their concerns with the class teacher initially. If children in KS2 persistently fail to hand in their

homework, they will be given the opportunity to complete it during lunchtimes and this will be discussed with parents.

Setting homework

Teachers have a responsibility to ensure that pupils are set homework which is at an appropriately differentiated level. They should ensure that homework set is in line with work which has been completed at school and so is not an entirely new concept to the child.