

# Homework at Newberries School

At Newberries School, it is our aim to provide regular homework, which prepares a child for an activity; reinforces work in class or gives the opportunity to develop essential study skills through open-ended research. Homework is set to develop positive attitudes towards supported and independent work at home; to support current teaching and learning and to help prepare a child for the next phase of their Education. Most importantly it gives parents the opportunity to see what their child is currently studying in school and become involved in this.

We know that families have busy lives. In line with DFES guidelines, our aim is that homework should be relevant to a child's current learning and needs, but at the same time not be too onerous.

## Progression of Homework across Key Stage One

Year Group	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Time Spent on Homework	Twice a week	Three times a week	Four times a week
Support Required	Adult Support Required	Adult Support Required	Adult Support Required

## Type of Homework

	Reception	Year One	Year Two
Literacy (Reading)	Twice a week	Twice a week	Twice a week
Literacy (Spelling)	-	Weekly	Weekly
Mathematics (including number facts)	-	From Summer Term	Weekly
Science	-	-	On occasion topic homework will be given instead of Maths
Other Curriculum Area	-	-	

# A Positive Approach

- Encourage your child to listen carefully in school to the tasks set.
- Find a reasonably quiet space for your child to work in at home.
- Encourage them to complete their homework task straight away.
- Develop a routine that allows homework to be completed at a similar time each day.
- Encourage your child to develop their organisational skills by making it a joint responsibility to have equipment ready and things packed for school *e.g. help your child to pack their reading book away in their red book bag.*

## Helping Your Child – General Guide

- Daily reading is an important part of early literacy skills. School books are sent home twice a week, but it is important to encourage your child to develop their reading in everyday situations *e.g. read the back of the cereal packets, take notice of signs and written information whilst shopping.*
- When hearing your child read, try to relate it to their own experiences as much as possible. Always discuss the text to ensure they have understood what has been read. Reading sessions should last from 10 to 20 minutes, depending on the individual.
- Working with your child is particularly important in Key Stage One; although once your child reaches Year Two a little more independence should be encouraged.

More information can be found on the government's site for parents:

[www.parentcentre.gov.uk](http://www.parentcentre.gov.uk)

# Home and School Working Together

Reading is an important part of homework for Key Stage One children and is expected to make up part of the daily time designated to homework.

As children begin to be set more formal tasks, it becomes difficult to judge the time homework will take each individual. Teachers will endeavour to set homework which is pitched carefully at the requirements of their class.

We are always happy for your child to stop after the designated time, even if an activity has not been completed. However, if you or your child wishes to continue beyond the time guidelines, in order to complete an activity, you may do so.

If you feel your child is regularly completing homework outside the given time it is helpful if you note this on the activity for us to see.

It is essential that reading and spelling books are bought home regularly in order to help form the desirable habits required later on in school life.

It is essential that homework is completed on time, as it feeds in to tasks set in class. Children, who do not hand homework in on time, can end up missing out on vital learning opportunities. Your child will need support in organising this.

If there is a good reason why your child was unable to complete a piece of homework, please inform the class teacher by letter so that arrangements can be made.

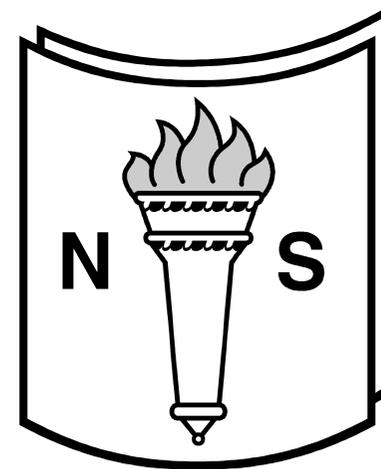
Parents of children with Special Educational Needs may wish to consult the class teacher about specific homework arrangements.

There will be times when no homework will be set. This will be announced in advance in Newberries.

The information provided in this leaflet is unable to take into account the needs of each individual. If you wish to discuss the needs of your child further or find out more about our homework policy, please contact the class teacher.

## Newberries Primary School

# Homework in Key Stage One



**Homework is an important part of school life. This leaflet is intended to give you an overview of the way homework is organised in Key Stage One, as well as offering some general guidance on supporting your child at home.**