

# 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 Two

	<i>Year Three</i>	<i>Year Four</i>	<i>Year Five</i>	<i>Year Six</i>
<b>Time Spent on Homework</b>	15-20 minutes a day	15-20 minutes a day	30 minutes a day	30 minutes a day
<b>Support Required</b>	Some Adult Support Required	Some Adult Support Required	Minimal Adult Support Required	Minimal Adult Support Required

## Type of Homework

*Year 3 homework is built up gradually. Please refer to the front of your child's Homework Folder.*

	<i>Year Three</i>	<i>Year Four</i>	<i>Year Five</i>	<i>Year Six</i>
<b>Reading</b>	Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
<b>Spelling</b>	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
<b>Literacy</b>	One piece weekly until after half term	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
<b>Mathematics</b> <small>(including number facts)</small>		Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
<b>Science</b>		One of these subjects once a week	Weekly	Weekly
<b>Other Curriculum Area</b>			Weekly	Weekly

# A Positive Approach

- Encourage your child to listen carefully in school to homework instructions and clarify with the class teacher if they are unsure.
- Find a reasonably quiet space for your child to work in at home.
- Encourage them to complete homework straight away.
- Develop a routine that allows homework to be completed at a similar time each day.
- Encourage your child to become increasingly aware of time when completing homework. It is useful for this to be noted on each piece completed.
- Make checking homework part of the routine.
- Encourage your child to develop their organisational skills by making it their responsibility to have equipment ready and things packed for school.

## Helping Your Child – General Guide

- Daily reading is an important part of homework at Key Stage Two. This may be done as part of a set homework activity, or in addition to a task that does not have a heavy reading focus.
- Continue to hear your child read regularly once they enter the juniors, discussing the text they have read in detail. Encourage independent reading in addition to this, particularly as your child becomes more fluent. Independent reading should last from 10 to 20 minutes.
- Working with your child is important, but so is developing independence! In Years 3 and 4, your child will still require support with their homework, but should be encouraged to work on their own at times.
- In Years 5 and 6, your child will may still require some support with specific pieces of homework, but should be working with increasing independence. A 'Homework Diary' is given to children in the upper juniors to help them organise their approach to homework, support your child with this.
- Children's Presentation skills are always developing, encourage your child to take pride in the presentation of their homework.

**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

It is difficult to judge the time homework will take each individual, although 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.

Daily reading is an important part of homework for Key Stage Two and is expected to make up part of the daily time designated to homework.

It is essential that homework is completed on time, as it regularly feeds directly into a lesson. Children, who do not hand homework in on time on a regular basis, will be asked to complete the activity during break times. You will be contacted if this becomes a regular occurrence for your child.

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.

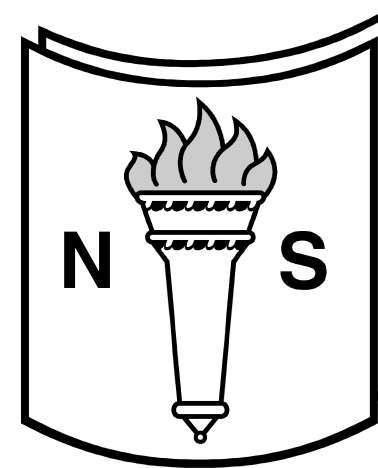
Parents of children with Special Educational Needs may wish to consult the class teacher about specific homework arrangements.

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 Two



**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 Two, as well as offering some general guidance on supporting your child at home.**