

The Purpose of Homework

Children typically retain only 50% of the information provided in class, and **they need to apply that information in order to truly learn** it. Whilst we do revisit learning in school, and use spaced retrieval strategies to support learning, additional practice at home is extremely beneficial. **Homework also allows parents/ carers to be involved with children's learning.**

- Increases **memory** power
- Improves **thinking skills**
- Enhances **concentration**
- Promotes **self-discipline**
- Develops **independent learning skills**
- **Prepares** children for the next phase of education
- Creates a bridge between **home and school**

Homework - The link between home and school

Reading

We ask that children read at **least 3 x per week** at home. These reading sessions should be logged in your child's **Reading Record**. Your child's Reading Record should be in school every day as staff will write in them too.

Children's Reading Records are checked every day. If they have managed their 3 reads the children receive an extra raffle ticket for our half-termly reading draw and a stamp on their reading chart.

Maths

Every Friday your child will be set a **10-Minute Weekly Maths Work Out**. The workouts are designed to cement what is learnt in class.

We ask that the work is completed and brought back into school the following Thursday. The work will be marked with the children so the teacher can go over any parts that they may have found tricky.

Other Homework

Sometimes children will be given homework around their topic or key learning that week.

This may involve creating something to share in class.

Spelling

Every Monday a spelling pattern/ rule is taught and the children will practise these in lessons/through games throughout the week.

Teachers will share the rule/ pattern and quiz words in their Homework Diary on a Friday these will be new words. Please support your child by practising to spell words which use the pattern/ rule.

We are also using Spelling Shed this year which is an online learning platform that children can play games on to practise their spellings. More details about this will be sent out shortly.