

Learning at Home (Homework) Policy



TOR BRIDGE
PRIMARY

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This policy has been reviewed in light of changes to Government policy in March 2012.

“Ministers have scrapped guidelines setting out how much homework children should be set, in a move intended to give Headteachers greater freedom. Individual schools’ homework policies are a matter for the school and we don’t prescribe amount of homework or how it should be marked. However the DfE is supportive of homework and believes that it can help children enjoy school, achieve and reach their potential.”

Our Aims

- Ensure that parents/carers are clear about what their child is expected to do.
- Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school.
- To use homework as a tool to help to continue to raise standards of attainment.
- Provide opportunities for Parents/Carers, children and the school to work together in partnership in relation to children’s learning.
- Encourage pupils and their parents to share and enjoy learning experiences.
- Reinforce work covered in class by providing further opportunities for the individual pupil.
- To practise or consolidate basic skills and knowledge, especially in Numeracy and Literacy.
- Encourage children to develop the responsibility, confidence and self-discipline needed to study independently.
- To prepare Year 6 pupils for the transfer to secondary school.

The Nature of Homework

It should be noted that homework can be set in many different forms with many different expectations and outcomes. It is important to remember that when setting homework there are a number of points to consider:-

1. The nature and type of homework changes throughout a pupils school career.
2. Amount and frequency of homework should increase as a pupil gets older.
3. Homework should not cause undue stress on the pupil, family or the teacher.
4. It will not necessarily come in the form of a written task.
5. Homework should be set regularly from the Foundation Stage to Year 6.

Role of the Class Teacher

- To provide an explanation of homework tasks to Parents/Carers when necessary and give guidance of how they might assist their child.
- To set up regular homework in an easily followed routine.
- To ensure that homework is set consistently across classes.
- To set homework that takes equal opportunities into account.
- To ensure any homework is purposeful and links directly to the taught curriculum.
- To reward and praise children who regularly complete homework tasks.
- To mark homework and give feedback to pupils.

Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body

- To check compliance of the Policy.
- To meet and talk with parents/ carers when appropriate.
- To discuss with staff how far the policy is being successfully implemented.
- Inform new parents to the school so that they are aware of the home/school agreement and what it entails.

Role of Parents/Carers

- To sign a home school agreement dealing with homework.
- To support the school by ensuring that their child attempts the homework.
- To provide a suitable place for their child to carry out their homework.
- To encourage and praise their child when they have completed their homework.
- To become actively involved and support their child with homework activities.

Reading: Children are expected to read with an adult at least **3 times per week**. Please **sign** and **date** your child's reading record each time you read with them. Children are able to complete their Accelerated Reader Quiz during Early Morning Learning and will be placed into a prize draw at the end of each half term if they have reached their points targets.

Spellings: Homework books will be collected in every **Thursday**, to be marked. Children are expected to practise their spellings each week for a spelling test on Friday. Your child's score will be written in their Home Learning Books.

Learning Together at Home Activity: In Year 1 and Year 2, each week your child will receive an exciting task to complete at home with their family. This may be a creative task linked to our Project, or an English or Maths based activity linked to the week's learning.

English and Maths Activities: In Years 3-6 your child will be provided with a Home Learning Booklet which will link directly to the learning the children have completed in school each week.

Any home learning completed electronically can be uploaded to your child's Class Dojo portfolio or alternatively you can email home learning to: specialmessageshome@tbp.plymouth.sch.uk if you would like to showcase your child's learning on our school Facebook page!

| Year Group | Homework Set (Reading/Spelling/Learning at Home/English/Maths compulsory) |
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| Reception | Reading 5 times per week |
| 1 | Reading 5 times per week Between 5-10 spellings to learn (with the expectation two thirds will be correct when tested) 'Learning Together at Home' activity |
| 2 | Reading 5 times per week Between 7-10 spellings to learn (with the expectation two thirds will be correct when tested) 'Learning Together at Home' activity |
| 3 | Reading 3 times per week 10 spellings to learn (with the expectation two thirds will be correct when tested) 1 piece of English or Maths per week. |
| 4 | Reading 3 times per week 10 spellings to learn (with the expectation two thirds will be correct when tested) 1 piece of English or Maths per week. |
| 5 | Reading 3 times per week 15 spellings to learn (with the expectation two thirds will be correct when tested) 1 piece of English and Maths homework per week. |
| 6 | Reading 3 times per week 20 spellings to learn (with the expectation two thirds will be correct when tested) 1 piece of English and Maths homework per week. |

Accelerated Reader: Please see below your child's Accelerated Reader login details. This can be used at home should your child wish to quiz on a book they have read at home.

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| Username: | | Password: | |
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Times Table Rockstars: Please see below your child's Times Table Rockstars login details. The website is an exciting opportunity for your child to complete extra times table learning at home on their electronic devices. We really recommend it to help and improve your child's skills. Each week children win prizes and certificates during our Celebration Assembly for high scores and engagement.



<https://trockstars.com/>



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Thank you for all of your support!