



REDBOURN JUNIOR SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

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REVIEW RECORD

Name of Policy	
Homework	
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RECORD OF AMENDMENTS

Page/Clause Amended	Brief Details of Changes

1) PURPOSE

A good, well-managed homework programme helps children and young people to develop the skills and attitudes they will need for successful lifelong learning. Homework supports the development of independent learning skills and provides parents with an opportunity to take part in their child/children's education.

Learning at home is an essential part of good education. Regular homework is important as it gives pupils the opportunity to practise at home the skills covered in class. It also helps children and young people to become confident in their learning, which will help throughout their time at school and in adult life.

2) POLICY

At Redbourn Junior School there are two elements of children's homework:

1) Consolidation and Reinforcement

Tasks will be set to reinforce and consolidate core skills that have already been learnt in class.

Reading:

Children are encouraged to read at least 3 times per week for 20 – 30 minutes and a reading record book will be supplied by the school for children to fill in with their parents and bring into school each week.

Writing:

Weekly tasks will be set in homework books, focusing in particular on grammar and punctuation, but also some composition. These activities will be marked by teachers, with brief comments as feedback.

Maths:

An online system called "My Maths" is used to set activities for children. Each child is given a personal log-in for this website. These activities are self-marking, but teachers will monitor the progress of children. Additionally there are also mathematical games that children can access on this site to help with key skills such as number facts and times tables.

In addition children will be given the opportunity to practise their tables using games on the "Times Tables Rock Stars" website.

Spellings:

We follow the "Spell to Excel" spelling programme. Spellings are sent home on a Monday and tested on a Friday.

2) Pre-Learning

Tasks will be set that give pupils an introduction or stimulus about topics that will be taught in the following week. These tasks will give pupils the opportunity to make

faster progress in lessons by having some prior knowledge. For instance, pupils may be asked to read a particular text type that will be studied in English. Alternatively they may be asked to look up some key facts in Geography or Science. They may be asked to research a topic in History. These tasks will be set by the class teacher and communicated via the weekly update to parents. Some tasks may require a written response, in which case a sheet will be sent home, but alternatively the task may simply require pupils to read.

3) Year 6

In preparation for Y6 SATS, pupils will be given “SATS Buster” workbooks during the spring term. This will replace the other homework mentioned above. In the summer term Year 6 will be given a project to complete which will promote independent study in preparation for secondary school.

3 TIMING GUIDELINES

Years 3-6	3x per week 20-30mins	Reading – Children should read at least 3 times per week. This should be recorded in Reading Journals.
Years 3 & 4	1 hour per week	Maths: 20 mins - “My Maths” or “Times Tables Rock Stars” Writing: 20 mins – written exercise in homework book Pre-learning: 20 mins – activities may vary
Years 5 & 6	1.5 hours per week	Maths: 30 mins - “My Maths” or “Times Tables Rock Stars” Writing: 30 mins – written exercise in homework book Pre-learning: 30 mins – activities may vary

Details of Homework will be posted on the weekly class update on the school website.

When will homework be set?

Spelling: out Monday for test on Friday

Maths: Set on Friday, to be completed by following Friday

English: Set on Friday to be completed by following Wednesday

Pre-Learning – Set by class teacher in the weekly class update which is sent to parents

