



Thameside Primary School: Homework Guidelines

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Homework inspires Resilience, Assurance, Independence and Integrity with No limits!

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 28 Children have the right to a good quality education. Children should be encouraged to reach the highest level they can.

Context

This policy has been reviewed with the school council who agreed that they are set the right amount of homework. The children enjoyed the ownwork projects and liked the freedom they had to choose how to present their information. All of the children enjoyed reading and said they often did more than the expected 10 minutes a night. The year 6 children said that they found the additional homework set to help them prepare for their SATs useful.

Aims

- To develop independence and individual responsibility for learning
- To extend & support the learning experience via reinforcement and revision
- To provide opportunities for parents, pupils and school to work in partnership so that parents become actively involved in their child's learning
- To provide opportunities for parents and pupils to work together to enjoy learning experiences and experience the value of learning
- To encourage pupils to develop routines and organisational skills for future needs
- At Year 6, to prepare pupils for secondary transfer
- To raise attainment

We will:

- Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school
- Ensure parents/guardians have a clear understanding about expectations of themselves and the pupil in order to help all children achieve at the highest possible levels
- Endeavour to inform parents of children of the own learning topic

Own Learning should be:

- Related to classroom work where possible
- Well explained with a clear purpose
- Well planned
- In various forms – independent research, investigations using the home environment, learning tables, problem solving, discussions, observations and practical
- Challenging but within the pupils' capabilities
- Likely to promote confidence through success
- Rewarded through recognition
- Promoting oracy skills i.e. learning to talk and learning through talk
- Supported by parents



Monitoring of ownwork

Monitoring of ownwork will be done by the class teacher. Children will be provided with the opportunity to share their ownwork with the class, a small group or a partner.

Children who chose not to take part in ownwork will be encouraged to do so in the future by the class teacher and a reminder text will be sent to parents .

Reading

We expect children to read or be read to on a daily basis and for those instances to be communicated in the children's reading record. We may ask children to take part in reading challenges.

Reading records will be continued to be monitored and used to inform parents of their child's next steps of learning.

Maths

Maths homework is a web-based programme called Sumdog and is optional, although we would recommend half an hour a week to support the development of mathematical fluency.

Parental involvement

- Parents should encourage and support children but it must be the pupils' own work
- Parents should provide a reasonably peaceful, suitable place in which pupils can do their work at home
- Make it clear to pupils that they value pupils' own learning
- Praise pupils for attempting and completing work at home
- Parents are encouraged to feed back to teachers should any issues arise regarding homework

For those parents who would like to supplement Thameside home/ownwork, they could use workbooks and revision guides which are available at most bookshops.

Additional Home Learning

Families can visit the ['Home Learning'](#) page on our school website for additional resources, links and games to support their child's learning at home.

Evaluation and review

This policy will be reviewed every two years after consultation with the school council and other stakeholders.

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Appendix 1 is a brief summary of the sorts of homework your child may get at Thameside.



Homework

There are no guidelines for the amount of home work a primary age child should get.

Homework should be reasonable, enjoyable and should not impact negatively on home life.

Own Work

Topic work set on a theme from school work. This could be presented in many way-a poster, a Powerpoint presentation, a model, a puppet to name but a few

Children present this work within the class.

We are happy to provide materials if asked.

For all children from YR-Y6

Focusing on well-being spending time outside with your child at the park, playing games, cooking or completing some of the activities from the Insideout Weekly well-being guide is just as valuable as homework.

Sumdog

Sumdog is an inspiring and engaging online platform for improving and reinforcing maths skills. Sumdog is designed to inspire children with the desire to learn and the confidence to succeed!

The top 5 children are calculated using % accuracy and are awarded a certificate in assembly.

Reading

Reading should be an enjoyable experience for both you and your child.

When children are confident reading books purple phonics based books, they will move to AR. Children are able to complete AR quizzes either in school or at home.

All children have yellow reading records where parents can record reading at home. Children in KS2 are expected to record their own comments.

FS children are expected to read at home at least 3 times a week.

KS1 & 2 the expectation is for children to read for 10 minutes a night.

For younger children games such as I Spy and memory games are fun.

For older children games such as scrabble and hangman a great fun.

Other homework such as spellings, book reviews and competitions may come home from time to time.

For additional homework ideas links can be found on our home learning page
<https://www.thameside.reading.sch.uk/page/?title=home+Learning&pid=215>

