

Harbury CE Primary School

Homework Policy

Why do we set homework for our children?

Homework is set for a number of good reasons:

- It provides a valuable partnership between home and school, enables parents to enrich their child's learning journey
- It should help to inspire and motivate children to be life-long learners
- It helps children consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding covered in school
- It can provide an opportunity for children to express individuality and creativity
- It extends their learning
- The habit of doing homework helps children learn to organise their time
- To encourage pupils, as they get older, to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study with increasing independence, and prepare them for the study skills needed in the next phase of their education.

How much time should be spent on home-learning?

As a **guide**, home-learning (**including reading**) should take the following amounts of time:

Reception: 5-10 minutes a night, when possible

Year 1: 1 hour spread over the week

Year 2: 1 hour spread over the week

Year 3: 1.5 hours spread over the week

Year 4: 1.5 hours spread over the week

Year 5: 2 hours spread over the week

Year 6: 2.5 hours spread over the week.

Reception

For children of this age, the emphasis is on reading. There is an expectation that parents/guardians will read with their child as close to daily as possible. Pupils will be given the chance to change their book on Mondays and Thursdays

Years 1-6

Teachers will set out their expectations for homework each half term in the curriculum newsletter.

In addition to the weekly tasks, staff will set more open-ended tasks for the topic. This will allow more individuality to be reflected as children have an element of choice in what they choose to do. This will be set on a half termly basis allowing families some choice and the opportunity to manage their workload.

Homework should be completed to the same high standards that we expect of work done during school time.

Homework will always be marked and returned to your child.

Homework will be set and completed in the homework book that we provide for children in Key Stage 2.

Homework – help for parents and carers

Homework is set to help your child and we ask that you support your child with tasks by helping them choose an appropriate time and place to work

It is useful for teachers to see the process the child has undertaken – please encourage your child to show these and not to present just the completed task.

The school actively encourage parents to give their feedback to teachers on the completion of homework tasks. Please make a note in the child's book/ space to comment at the bottom

Homework tasks can be supplemented by optional activities for each year group. Other ideas for optional extras will be posted on the school website. These will be available from September 2015

Reading

In addition to set tasks, we expect children to read daily at an age appropriate level. Reading should be a pleasure so please encourage them and try to find a bit of time to enable them to be read to and to talk about what they are reading. In Reception and Key Stage 1, we would expect parents to record their child's reading in the home/school link book. By Key Stage 2, children should be able to record their reading in the journal provided (in the back of homework books) and we ask parents to sign it at least once a week.

Thank you for your support of the homework policy. Parent and pupil views are greatly valued and are taken into account when reviewing our homework policy.