



Homework Policy

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Why do homework?

At Heatherley, we aim to further enrich children's education by working closely with parents and carers to provide well-matched homework. We always consider parent feedback via the annual questionnaires, which informs our homework policy in school.

Homework is a key part of education and is intended to have the following benefits:

- Helps to promote home/school links
- Increase parents' awareness of their child's learning in school
- Help raise attainment
- To encourage pupil perseverance and initiative through independent learning and developing a love of learning
- To support in the development of creativity and independent learning skills
- To ease the transition between primary and secondary school

What are the general expectations for homework:

Year Group	Homework
FS2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading (approximately 20 minute sessions) 3 times a week.• A game or activity each week – linked to topic.• Letters and Sounds activity with parental support.
Year 1 / 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading (approximately 20 minute sessions) 3 times a week.• A piece of English, mathematics or topic work each week.• Weekly Spellings.
Year 3 / 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading (approximately 20 minute sessions) 5 times a week.• A piece of English, mathematics or topic work each week• Weekly Spellings.
Year 5 / 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading (approximately 20 minute sessions) daily.• A piece of English work each week.• A piece of mathematics work each week.• Weekly Spellings.• Occasional test revision.

- In addition, children are being encouraged to practise their times tables using either 'Times tables Rock Stars' website or 'Hit the Button' app.
- For a more in-depth explanation of expectations for each year group, see the cover letter attached to the inside of your child's homework book.

Equal opportunities, SEND and differentiated learning

We endeavor to provide **well-matched** homework for each child at Heatherley. This can mean that children are sometime given homework that differs from the tasks given to their peers, but this is always done with the child's best interests in mind.

Homework club

Whilst homework is important, we understand and appreciate that a considerable number of children are involved in several extra-curricular activities, which can limited their opportunities to complete homework.

With this in mind, we have provided a homework club, run by Heatherley staff, to meet during the day, once a week, for children to complete any missed homework.

Rewards

Completed homework is the expectation for all children, but we do understand the hard work and effort taken for tasks to be completed. In light of this, we will always reward children for completing their homework (usually in the form of the school rewards system, house points).