

Houghton on the Hill

Church of England Primary School



School Policy For	<i>Homework Policy</i>
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At Houghton on the Hill Primary School we define homework as any activity or work which pupils are asked to do outside lesson times, either on their own or with parents and carers.

The Purpose of Homework

Homework at Houghton on the Hill is valued because it:

- ⊙ Helps to develop independent learning and organisational skills;
- ⊙ Reinforces essential basic skills;
- ⊙ Provides opportunities for pupils to be creative and express themselves;
- ⊙ Allows pupils to make choices and develop preferred learning styles;
- ⊙ Consolidates learning that has taken place during lessons;
- ⊙ Provides opportunities for parents and children to work together;
- ⊙ Creates a learning link between home and school;
- ⊙ Inspires children to investigate and extend their learning.

The school does not believe that homework should prevent pupils' participation in enrichment activities such as sports, music, hobbies and educational visits and will encourage pupils and parents to inform the teacher if this is the case. However, whilst homework is not compulsory, there is an expectation that it will be completed by most pupils.

Teachers will:

- Set purposeful tasks and challenges, differentiated when appropriate;
- Ensure a reasonable time scale for the completion of homework tasks;
- Value and celebrate achievements with positive comments and rewards;
- Establish a regular homework routine which is communicated clearly to children and parents;
- Ensure homework covers a range of subject areas.

Parents and Carers are asked to:

- Support and encourage children in completing homework tasks;
- Provide appropriate opportunities, tools and resources for completion of homework;
- Communicate with the teacher if there is a difficulty with homework.

Children are expected to:

- Complete homework tasks to the best of their abilities, taking pride in their work;
- Talk with their parents about their homework;
- Speak to their teacher if there is a problem with homework.

Children with Differing Needs

Children are expected to complete homework tasks at their own level and may select a preferred learning style. Homework may be differentiated when appropriate. Children with specific needs may be given additional advice or alternative tasks.

Homework Expectations

The following table sets out the weekly expectations for each year group in the school. There may be some flexibility within this programme where teachers identify a need, but parents and pupils will always be informed.

<u>Give Me Five Weekly Homework</u>	<u>Homework Projects</u>
<p>Each week, pupils will be provided with five short tasks, these will include a selection from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Five reads per week• Five spelling practices• Five calculations• Five grammar exercises• Five multiplication facts (or five goes on TTRS/Numbots)• Five handwriting exercises• Five retrieval questions linked to other curriculum areas• Any other five short tasks set by their class teacher. <p>Weekly Homework is set on a Friday in all classes, and will be reviewed/self-marked in class on Fridays.</p> <p>NOTE: There will only be five sets of five tasks in any one week's homework.</p>	<p>A twice-yearly Homework Project will be set either as a whole school or classes. Pupils will have a wide choice of activities from which to choose, with an emphasis on research, reading, arts, humanities and sciences.</p> <p>Formal homework will be suspended for two weeks while the project is completed.</p>
<p><u>Supplementary Homework:</u> Other optional activities or website links will be provided by teachers for those pupils and their parents who would like additional homework. These will not be marked, but children can bring them to school to share with teachers and to celebrate their achievements.</p> <p>In Y2 and Y6, teachers may send some additional revision tasks home in order to help support preparation for SATs assessments. Y1 teachers may send home updated assessment information about phonics to help parents support the learning of sounds.</p>	