

Guiseley Primary School - Policy for Homework

At Guiseley Primary School children work very hard. Staff ensure that pace and content are appropriate for each child to enable them to progress and have good learning outcomes.

Some skills need more frequent practise and consolidation, such as reading, and it is, therefore, beneficial for children to practise these at home. The older the children become, the more beneficial it is to also undertake research independently and sometimes involve parents/carers in their learning.

As a result of this we have a homework policy as set out below.

FS1 – There is no “homework” in FS1 but we do encourage sharing books with your child and general counting skills and number recognition. Sometimes there may be a “project” to undertake with your child i.e. growing beans.

FS2

- Reading books – are sent home every day from the time your child’s teacher assesses they are ready for this. We encourage reading at home every day.
- Spelling sheet - from Spring, children will have a spellings sheet sent home. These spellings will be assessed at the end of the term. New spellings will be sent home for Summer and will be assessed at the end of the term.
- Maths - Some maths activity ideas will be sent home every half term. These are ideas of how to practise maths at home in a practical fun way.
- Super sentence books – to be done as and when. Sent out from Spring term.
- Topic related activities e.g. bean diary, farm book etc.

Key Stage One

- Reading books – are sent home every day and we encourage reading at home every day.
- Spellings - Individual based on 100 high frequency words and common errors made.
- Maths – Homework is set on Mathletics each week. Parents are encouraged to speak to the class-teacher if they are unable to access the Mathletics site or App.
- 1 piece of topic homework per half term.

Key Stage Two – Years 3 - 5

- **Maths:** Your child needs to achieve 1000 points each week in order to complete their Maths homework. Their teacher will set a number of activities on Mathletics which will be directly linked to their learning in class. Once they have completed these activities, the children can achieve the remaining points on other Mathletics activities of their choice.
- **Topic:** In learning logs and is set every 2 – 3 weeks. Children have 2 weeks to complete it.

Children are encouraged to complete learning log homework creatively, for example leaflets, photos, use ICT, interviews, news reports, art or DT work.

- **Spellings:** Are set each week, usually on a Friday and children are tested the following week.
- **In addition:** children are expected to read daily and record **all** reading (school books or other literature) in their individual learning logs. We expect children in KS2 to fill in their own reading records however we do ask for parents to sign their comments as proof they have read each week.

Years 6

In Year 6, homework tasks are set to help prepare the children for the end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATS).

- **Mathletics:** Homework is not set on Mathletics, but children use it regularly for their fluency practise.
- **Maths and Grammar:** Year 6 are set one piece of Maths homework and one piece of Grammar each week from their CGP revision books. The sections in their CGP books can vary, so children are given a week to complete it. Work is marked together on a Friday and then work is set for the following week.
- **Spelling:** Are set each week, usually on a Friday and children are tested the following week.
- **Topic:** In learning logs and is set every 2 – 3 weeks. Children have 2 weeks to complete it.
- **In addition:** children are expected to read daily and record **all** reading (school books or other literature) in their school planners. We expect children in Year 6 to fill in their own planners with reading, homework information and key dates to help prepare them for high school. We do ask for parents to sign their comments as proof they have read and checked their planner each week.