



Town Junior School

Homework Policy

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At Town Junior school all children will be asked regularly to work in their own time for the following reasons:

- It can reinforce or extend work done in school hours.
- It is important that children use skills learned in the classroom in other settings. Learning is not something that is just done in lesson times.
- It allows the family to share in and support their child's learning.
- It can encourage independence and the ability for the child to organise themselves.
- Older children are preparing for High School where homework plays a significant part in their learning programme.

Literacy and Maths: All children will be given one piece of differentiated Maths homework and one piece of differentiated Literacy homework each week to complete for the following week. This will usually be given out on a Tuesday with an expectation that it will be handed in on the following Thursday. In addition your child's teacher may set them an additional task using the online 'My Maths' programme or Abacus Active Learning.

The task set will usually be a consolidation of or extension to pupil's learning in school for that week.

Reading: All children will be given a home reading book which will be banded according to their reading level. In Y3 and Y4 children are encouraged to put aside a regular reading time. To progress in reading and to be able to infer accurately from the text most Y3 children still need to read aloud to an adult and also hear an adult read aloud to them. In upper school where children tend to be more fluent readers, they will be encouraged to widen their experience of different styles of fiction and non-fiction and may well have homework tasks based on their reading work. Guidance is provided within the reading record and teachers will check your child's reading record on a weekly basis.

Topic Work: Every half term children may be given a project to complete which will include research linked to their thematic topic. This will be in addition to their weekly Literacy and Maths homework.

Learning journals: In addition to set homework given, which will be an expectation and requirement, pupils will also be given the opportunity to complete their own learning journal. Although on some occasions the teacher may initiate the task set this is a book that can be used for pupils to extend their learning on a particular topic of interest to them through independent research which is undertaken in their own time. Whilst teachers will be happy to admire and give verbal feedback on work completed in the journal it is not an expectation that staff will mark this work although they may wish to reward pupils with a merit for exceptional effort.

Times Tables and Spelling:

In addition to their Literacy and Maths homework children will also be given times tables and weekly spellings to learn in preparation for a weekly test which will usually take place on a Tuesday.



Parental interest in all homework tasks can make a big difference to how effective they are to the children.

By the time children are in Y6 they will have enough homework to enable us to encourage good habits for the future High School.

Homework books

All children will be issued with a homework book for maths and a homework book for Literacy in which to complete tasks set. This will minimise the problem of children losing work sheets etc. If work is to be completed on a set sheet this will be stuck into the book.

Marking of Homework

Homework will always be acknowledged by the teacher by use of a sticker, stamp etc. And rewards will be given for exceptional effort. When and if appropriate to the task set the teacher will provide more detailed marking and feedback. On occasion the work may be peer marked to address misconceptions although the teacher will re-check this work.

Lunchtime Homework Support

For those children who are consistently not able to complete their homework at home they will be invited to attend a lunchtime homework support session.

The DfES recommended time allocation for homework is as follows:-

<p>Y3 & Y4 1.5 hours per week Y5 & Y6 2.5 hours per week (30 mins a day)</p>

Your child's class teacher will always be happy to discuss any queries you may have about homework set at the end of the school day.