

Wild Bank Community School

Homework Policy



At Wild Bank we are committed to raising standards of achievement for all our children. We believe that parents/carers have a very important part to play in helping us to do that. We want to build on the valued support which we already receive from parents.

Homework provides extra learning opportunities, particularly in the core curriculum areas of English, Maths and Science. Parental help and support in all these areas will greatly benefit each child.

What is the purpose of homework?

- To consolidate, reinforce and extend skills and understanding, particularly in English and Maths.
- To research topics to be studied the next half term.
- To provide opportunities for parents and children to work together.
- To allow parents to gain an understanding of what children are learning or will be learning.
- To allow children to progress towards becoming more independent learners.

What is the role of the school?

- To provide parents with a clear policy regarding homework.
- To provide support for parents with information about homework – displayed in front of books.
- To provide support for children with the running of a homework club.

What is the role of the teacher?

- To plan and set a programme of homework that is appropriate to the needs of the child and reinforces previous learning.
- To ensure all children understand the homework they have been given.
- To mark and give feedback about homework.
- To be available to talk to parents and children about homework.
- To inform parents if there is a problem regarding homework.

What is the role of the parent / carer?

- To support the child in completing homework.
- To encourage the child to complete homework to a high standard and to hand it in on time.
- To provide a quiet area where homework can be carried out without distractions.
- To provide the appropriate resources for the child to complete the homework.
- Homework books or workbooks will be provided and will be kept in the reading bag. Please ensure that your child brings their reading bag to school every day.

What is the role of the child?

- To ensure they have everything they need to complete homework each week.
- To make sure they understand the tasks that have been set.
- To put in the same level of effort as would be expected of class work.
- To hand the homework in on time.

Foundation Stage

Every week children will receive:

FS1:

Reading - Children will choose a story from the classroom library each week and share the story at home with parents, pupils are then asked to discuss the story at home and draw a picture about the story in their Reading Book Journal.

FS2:

Reading – Please read three times a week at home for 10 – 15 minutes. Each child has a reading book, reading record and tricky word cards. Please sign the reading record every time you have read with your child at home.

FS1 and FS2: A special home school book - A journal that teachers keep throughout the week and add photos and comments about each individual child. Every Friday the book is sent home for pupils to share with their parents and add their weekend news to their journal, their weekend news is then shared with their class every Monday morning. FS2's home school book may also include a maths, phonics or topic activity to complete at home.

KS1

Every week children will receive:

Reading – Aim to read 3 times a week at home for 10 – 15 minutes

Spellings – Phase 2, 3, 4 and 5 will receive 5 spellings to learn

- Phase 6 will receive 10 spelling to learn
- Spellings will be given out every Friday to be tested the following Friday

English and Maths – This will alternate. One week English and the next Maths.

- The same high standard of work will be expected in homework as it is in normal class time
- Any homework not completed will be done in Thursday's homework club.

Lower Key Stage 2

Every week children will receive:

Reading – Please read three times a week at home for 10 – 15 minutes

Spellings – Words from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spelling list alongside words demonstrating spelling rules from the National Curriculum and key words as necessary.

- Spellings will be given out every Friday to be tested the following Friday.

English, Maths and Topic – Children will receive two pieces of homework each week. This will be one Maths and either Topic or English.

- The same high standard of work will be expected in homework as it is in normal class time.
- Any homework not completed or handed in will be done in Thursday's homework club.

Upper Key Stage 2

Every week children will receive:

Reading – Please read daily at home for 10 – 15 minutes

Spellings – Words from the Year 5 and 6 statutory spelling list alongside words demonstrating spelling rules from the National Curriculum and key words as necessary.

- Spellings will be given out every Friday to be tested the following Friday.

English, Maths and Topic – Children will receive two pieces of homework each week. This will be one Maths and either Topic or English.

- The same high standard of work will be expected in homework as it is in normal class time.
- Any homework not completed or handed in will be done in Thursday's homework club.

Year 6 in the run up to the end of year tests, will have additional supplementary homework throughout the week as necessary.