

Kiwi Primary School



Homework Policy

Introduction

At Kiwi Primary School, we believe that homework is an important part of a child's education. It promotes independent learning, develops good study habits, enhances understanding of taught concepts, and fosters a sense of responsibility in students for their own progress. However, we also understand that life is busy, and it is important to balance educational activities with family time and our policy reflects this.

Aims

- To reinforce learning through the application of skills and knowledge acquired in the classroom.
- To develop independent learners who take responsibility for their educational journey.
- To foster a strong home-school partnership through clear communication and engagement.
- To provide opportunities for all families to participate in their child's learning in a manageable manner that does not overwhelm children and their families.

Type and Frequency of Homework

Homework tasks may vary according to the age, year group and subject but will include:

1. Reading

- **Purpose:** To develop a love for reading and improve literacy skills. At Kiwi we recognise the power of regular reading for our children's wellbeing, emotional literacy and outcomes.
- **Expectations:** Children are encouraged to read for at least 10-15 minutes each weekday. This can include reading aloud to a parent/carer or, in the older years, independent reading.
- **Support:** Children have access to physical books from our school and class libraries as well as e-books through the Collins website. A list of places where free books are available can be found on our website.

2. Spellings

- **Purpose:** To enhance spelling skills and expand children's vocabulary.

- **Expectations:** Once a week children will be given a list of spellings to learn based on the spelling rules learned in class. Using strategies introduced through Little Wandle and our No-Nonsense Spelling Scheme, children will be able to practice applying the rules they have learned.
- **Support:** In class, children will learn spelling rules and strategies for practice, parents and carers can encourage their children to apply those to their practice at home.

3. Maths

- **Purpose:** To build a strong foundation in mathematics through regular practice of multiplications (KS2) and fundamental math concepts (KSI).
- **Expectations:** All children at Kiwi have access to Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) or Numbots, depending on their year group. In KS2, daily multiplication practice on TTRS which offers targeted practice as the algorithms analyse the needs of the children as they play. KSI will use Numbots to consolidate their classroom learning of mathematical concepts.
- **Support:** Parents/carers can support their children by incorporating practice into daily activities (e.g. counting items, calculating shopping totals).

Balancing Life and Education

For homework to be at its most effective, it is important that the child, the parent/carer and the teacher are clear about their roles and responsibilities in the homework process. We recognise that each family have their own schedule and commitments particularly during deployment periods. Therefore, our homework policy is designed to be flexible and considerate of family time. If your child is struggling to complete their homework due to other commitments, please communicate with their teacher so we can find a suitable solution.

Conclusion

Homework is a valuable tool for reinforcing classroom learning and developing important skills. By working together, we can ensure that homework is a positive and manageable experience for all students.