



Hardingstone Academy

Homework Policy 2021 - 2022

**We will always keep our eyes on the stars and
our feet on the ground.**



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Hardingstone Academy Homework Policy

At Hardingstone Academy, we recognise the valuable part that homework can play in your child's education. We also recognise that children have many other rich and varied learning experiences that they enjoy during their evenings, weekends and holidays. We appreciate that they may learn instruments, attend clubs like Brownies, swimming, football, and pursue hobbies like computers and arts and craft. We also know that children need time to socialise with friends and family, play, relax, listen to music and have fun.

With this in mind and as we all want our children to be balanced, happy human beings, we are keen to get the level and amount of homework that we send home right for a child's age.

We believe that homework only works if we have parents and children's support and enthusiasm. We reiterate that homework helps to practise and reinforce classroom learning and also gives opportunities to develop key skills for independent learning, such as information retrieval and planning. It can offer opportunities for independent and in-depth work. The majority of homework will usually be in maths or English.

All children have Reading Records, which are used to record progress on reading, but can be used as a home/school communication book.

All homework will be set weekly on Teams. English and maths homework is differentiated according to prior attainment and progress. However, differentiation may also depend upon the intended outcome.

Curriculum newsletters are written termly and these explain the areas of learning so that you can support your child with visits such as the library, museums, art events or family supported online research. The newsletters and other related curriculum content can be found on our website in the appropriate curriculum phase page.



HOMEWORK - GUIDANCE TO PARENTS

Our year groups have the following homework. These timings are averages and may vary from week to week.

Occasionally the children may be asked to undertake large homework projects, which they may possibly need to be completed during school holidays.

We would always recommend that parents practise the following basics regularly:

Reading

Times tables

Spellings relating to curriculum themes and common words

Teachers may provide lists of tasks to be covered each week, teachers may also suggested that these be covered in order of choice. Strategies used:

- Tier 2 words
- Spellings
- Texts home
- Teachers will address misconceptions as they arise
- Assertive mentoring
- Editing for SEND children
- Assertive mentoring – forms
- Feedback to the child where there are concerns

Homework you should expect your child to be issued with on a weekly basis

Reception	Reading daily 5-10 minutes Home activity weekly
Year 1	Reading daily 5-10 minutes Maths fluency activity Developing reading Comprehension activity Handwriting activity Basic English skills
Year 2	Reading daily 5-10 minutes English/Topic one per week Maths one per week Maths fluency activity Developing reading Comprehension activity Handwriting activity Basic English skills
Year 3	Reading minimum 5 times per week 5-10 minutes English one per week Maths one per week Arithmetic focus



Year 4	Reading minimum 5 times per week 5-10 minutes English one per week Maths one per week Arithmetic focus
Year 5	Reading minimum 4 times per week for 10-15minutes Maths one piece per week English one piece per week
Year 6	Reading minimum 4 times per week for 10-15minutes Maths one piece per week English one piece per week



All spellings strategies will be taught in school. However spellings relating to themes will be sent home and in some cases additional high frequency words with a view that they are practised then applied in writing tasks.

- All maths homework will now include Mental Maths that can be practised at home.
- The teachers will provide an example of how to undertake the questions provided.
- Where a written strategy is required, teachers will provide guidance as to which strategy should be used.
- Please regard homework as an enjoyable experience and provide a quiet space for your child to complete homework issued.
- If there are any difficulties, please seek guidance from the class teacher.

Your part in your child's education is invaluable. Have fun!