

Homework policy and guidance

Why give homework?

At Bordesley Green Primary School we give homework because:

- It enables children to build on their prior learning and rehearse key skills at home whilst using some of our school values-Resilience, Perseverance and Self-Control
- It informs parents on what is going on in school and what their children are learning
- It can further stimulate or encourage enthusiasm for learning
- Enables school and home to work on partnership-another of a school value-Teamwork
- It helps children to develop independence skills.

Homework expectations

	Homework	Amount	Day given out	Due Date
Year 1	Reading Book	5-10 minutes per day	Friday	Friday
	Spellings	5-10 depending on their Phonics group.	Friday	Friday (to be tested in school the following Friday)
	My Maths www.mymaths.co.uk	1 activity per week	Friday	Friday (following week)

Half-Termly Homework Projects

Homework projects will be assigned by teachers on the first week of each half term. Families will have the whole half term to complete the projects so parents have flexibility and quality projects can be completed. This homework will act as a recap and revision of that half term's Wider Curriculum topic. Each half term project will take the form of two lists of possible activities (one list will be exclusively Writing activities.) Children choose at least one of the activities from each list and complete them over the half-term break, then bring them back to school at the start of the next half-term.

Example:

Wider Curriculum Homework

Minimum requirement: 1 from group A and 1 from group B

Year 1-Home Sweet Home

A	B
Write a description of your home	Taste different things related to your 5 senses
Keep a weather diary	Draw different houses in your area: terraced, semi-detached, flat, factory etc

Write a list of road names in your local area	Make a 3D model of your house
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Routines and Organisation

Homework will be given out weekly, usually on a Friday and should be returned to school or completed online by the deadline set by the class teacher.

Much of the homework set will be completed online. However, if children are not able to access this, paper-based alternatives will be given. At Bordesley Green Primary School, we expect all children to attempt the homework set, we will keep registers and children who regularly do not keep complete tasks and deliberately opt out will lead to a conversation with the children and parents and spending part of the break/lunchtimes in school to complete tasks.

All homework will explained by the class teacher and relate to work completed in class, it is not our intention to give children homework which they cannot complete or have not experienced previously, unless asked to complete a project linked to a curriculum topic such as Earth and Space or Victorians. Parents are not expected to teach new skills.

All homework will be reviewed by the class teacher but will not be marked in detail. Feedback can be given in a variety of ways including marking, sharing with the class in a discussion or displaying in the classroom.