

BEECH GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOMEWORK POLICY

Aim

We aim to provide children with homework which will extend and consolidate the teaching done in school, and encourage them to develop the skills of independent learning.

Objectives

- To ensure that staff, children and parents are clear about our expectations of homework
- To ensure consistency of approach throughout school
- To ensure that the needs of individual children are taken into account
- To extend children's learning experience beyond the classroom
- To encourage parents and carers to share in their children's learning

Time Allocations

Government guidelines recommend the following amount of homework;

Y1 and Y2 – 1 hour per week; Reading, spelling or other literacy work and number work.

Y3 and Y4 – 1.5 hours per week; literacy and numeracy as for years 1 and 2, with occasional assignments in other subjects.

Y5 and Y6 – 30 minutes per day: Regular weekly schedule with continued emphasis on literacy and numeracy, but also ranging widely over the curriculum.

Homework: Guidelines for Primary Schools and Secondary Schools (DfE)

Government recommendations are for 10 – 20 minutes of reading daily as part of the time allocation. For younger children it recommends that reading with an adult should form the major part of homework.

The Role of the Class Teacher

- Children will bring home a book to read, which can be changed at any time through the week
- We will provide work that it is suitable for each child, and explain the task to them.
- Homework will be marked when returned to school and feedback given to children.
- Teachers will check whether children are regularly doing homework and address concerns

The Role of Parents/Carers

We encourage parents to take an active part in their child's learning outside school, but homework should never be too difficult, or create stress within the family. If parents are at all concerned they should speak to their child's class teacher. We will inform parents if children are persistently not returning homework.

Homework Club

As part of our after-school provision, on Thursdays we hold a homework club from 3pm which is open to all children and parents. Staff are on hand to help and support with homework, and ensure children get the best from their additional learning.

Examples of Homework Tasks

Nursery and Reception

- A book to share with an adult
- Name writing/sounds to learn
- Counting activities/number recognition
- Fastening and unfastening buttons and zips
- Things to find out and talk about in class

Year One and Two

- A book to share with an adult (following RWI protocol)
- Words to learn to read or spell
- A termly grid of homework related to the current topic
- Things to find out and talk about back in class

Year Three and Four

- A book to share or read alone (at least x3 per week)
- Words to learn to read and spell
- A termly grid of homework related to the current topic
- Things to find out and talk about back in class

Year Five and Six

- A book to share with an adult or read alone (at least x3 per week)
- A half-termly grid of homework related to the current topic
- Additional maths homework related to the week's lessons
- Words to learn to read and spell

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