



BERKHAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

The School's motto: "Perseverantia Vincit" meaning perseverance wins through, exemplifies the genuine ethos of striving for success in all aspects of school.

Homework Policy

Introduction

Homework must be meaningful and purposeful in order to enhance and consolidate learning.

Rationale

Homework is an important part of cooperation and communication between parents and teachers. One of our aims of teaching is for children to develop as independent learners and we believe that completing purposeful homework is one of the ways in which children can acquire the skill of independent learning.

Whilst we acknowledge the importance of meaningful homework, we also realise the important role of participation in activities outside of school. Children have a life outside of school and these opportunities are as important as academic development. To this end, the relationship between home and school must be reinforced in order to maximise a child achieving their potential.

Aims

- To support the aims of the school in helping to raise pupil achievement and attainment.
- To encourage pupils to develop the confidence and self-discipline to work on their own and to develop as independent learners, an essential skill for life.
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding.
- To extend school learning, for example through additional reading or research.
- To support the home/school relationship.

Procedure

Reception:

Daily reading

Sounds and number recognition

Name Writing

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Pre-Prep Department:

Year 1:

Daily reading

Occasional activities as specified by the class teacher

Year 2:

Daily reading

Occasional activities as specified by the class teacher

Prep Department:

Year 3

Reading to an adult – daily

Spelling – 5 minute practice every other day

Maths – 5-10 minutes Times Tables Rockstars practice, every other day

Year 4 Pupils should not spend more than half an hour on a single piece of homework.

Reading – daily

Maths – Daily times tables practice on the Times Tables Rockstars app (or equivalent paper-based activity) until the child is fluent with their times tables. Then, an online quiz based on the previous week's learning, set on White Rose Infinity. One week submission deadline.

English – activity based on in class learning (consolidation, extension or pre-learning). One week submission deadline.

Year 5 Pupils should not spend more than half an hour on a single piece of homework.

Reading – daily

Maths – online quiz based on the previous week's learning, set on White Rose Infinity. One week submission deadline.

English – activity based on in class learning (consolidation, extension or pre-learning). One week submission deadline.

MFL/History/Geography/Science on a four week rota basis – activity based on in class learning (consolidation, extension or pre-learning). Set during the lesson, due by the following Monday.

Year 6 Pupils should not spend more than half an hour on a single piece of homework.

Reading – daily

Maths – online quiz based on the previous week's learning, set on White Rose Infinity. One week submission deadline.

English – activity based on in class learning (consolidation, extension or pre-learning). One week submission deadline.

MFL/History/Geography/Science on a four week rota basis – activity based on in class learning (consolidation, extension or pre-learning). Set during the lesson, due by the following Monday.

A homework timetable will be given to the pupils each year.

Children should not spend more time than that allocated or worry if they are unable to do the work set. If children are unable to do the homework they are encouraged to speak to the staff at the earliest convenience and extra help and time will be given to them. As a school, we recognise and value family time, and we also understand that pupils have extracurricular commitments. We encourage parents to speak to teachers should homework assignments become problematic.

Homework may consist of:

- Research including use of the Internet
- Construction of models
- Project work, learning or written work
- Online quizzes
- Presentation of research or understanding, on paper or digitally

Each child has a Homework Diary, which should be filled in each week with the work required. Pupils should note their homework assignments within their diaries.