



Homework Policy

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At Bursley Academy we believe that homework enables parents to be involved with their child's educational life and provides opportunities for them to support and encourage their child's learning. Homework provides children with an opportunity to develop responsibility by meeting deadlines, taking pride in the work they produce at home, and extending their school-based learning.

We also believe that homework should be a positive experience and linked to the learning that has taken place in the classroom. This allows pupils to consolidate what they have already learnt. Work will be set in a timely manner that enables pupils to dedicate enough time to complete the homework organised around other out-of-school activities and family commitments.

Our homework arrangements are as follows:

Reading from Nursery to Year 6

Reading is the key to all other areas of education. Adults should aim to read with their child every night for at least 10 minutes. This may be the child reading to the adult, the adult reading to the child or a combination of both. Adults are asked to sign the child's reading diary each time they listen to their child read. In Years 5 and 6 the children are also allowed to record their independent reading as they will often read independently for longer periods of time.

Weekly homework will be set each Thursday to be returned by the following Wednesday (unless circumstances within school mean that a change is necessary).

Weekly homework will focus upon: Reading, Spelling and Maths and the school will provide this homework via worksheet, message on Marvellous Me, weblink or access to specific educational programmes e.g. games to support timestables. Written work will be filed in each child's homework folder.

Spellings will be set according to individual ability and a spelling practice books will be provided by the school – this can be used for other homework if required.

Homework for other subjects will be set as deemed necessary by the class teacher.

Homework will not be set over the school holidays, however information will be shared for the children to access curriculum based work if required.

Homework is marked in line with the school's **Marking Policy**. The homework remains in the child's homework folder for parents to review their child's progress.

What can the adults at home do to help?:

Support and encourage your child with the homework that has been set

Read with your child and sign their reading diary

Practise relevant maths skills, as instructed by class teachers, e.g. times tables - a variety of websites will be provided to support you with these skills? the following websites can help - <https://trockstars.com> and <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

From Year 1, practise the weekly spellings – these will tested in class

Let the class teacher know if you need any help