



Oakdale Primary School Homework Policy 2023/24

Aims of homework:

- Consolidate and extend learning
- Practise skills
- Rehearsal
- Preparation
- Positive parent/child time

Holiday tasks

Homework will not be set during the school holidays. The exception to this is the Easter holidays where tasks will be set for Years 2 and 6 to prepare for their upcoming SATs tests.

Summer Reading Challenge

We invite all children to participate in the summer reading challenge.

We believe homework is a key aspect of learning and helps children improve important skills. We believe that homework is a valuable opportunity for children to share with their parents/ carers things they have been doing at school.

Through our policy we aim to:

- Ensure a consistent approach across the school
- Ensure progression towards independence and individual responsibility
 - Extend and support learning
- Provide opportunities for parents/carers and children to work in partnership and enjoy learning experiences

Online Platforms

We use Google Classroom to set weekly tasks. An overview of the year group curriculum and other important information is added to each classroom area at the start of the academic year. Tasks are added on Fridays and should be 'turned in' by Wednesday each week.

English and Maths skills across the curriculum

Key skills are essential for a child to be able to access the wider world as well as the full curriculum. We listened to parental feedback on homework and this policy was created to allow pupils to embed the key skills at home.

Spelling

We use Spelling Shed this is a game-like format that helps builds confidence in spelling. This is designed to the National Curriculum expectation. Assignments will be set for the children to complete.

Literacy

Grammar tasks will be used to consolidate class learning and support pupils ability to embed their new learning within their writing whilst also using accurate terminology.

Short comprehension tasks support the understanding of texts and develop inference and retrieval skills.

Numeracy

Maths will be set to develop arithmetic skills and calculation methods. It will also consolidate skills taught in class. By Year 4 children are expected to be able to recall all their tables.

Assessment

We have three assessment points a year, once a term.

These are detailed on the termly calendar.

Assessments will be sent home with the children to allow parents to go through these at home with the children. Mark schemes will be added to Google Classroom.

Timings

We recommend that pupils spend an hour a week on homework tasks, spellings and number skills. Reading should be in addition to this.

Feedback

Comments will be added to Google Classroom in response to pupils submitting their work.



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Year Group	Reading expectation	Spellings/phonics	Times tables/number bonds	Weekly skills consolidation task
EYFS	Information for Key Stage One and Reception regarding reading books will be sent home by the Phase Leader. The children will bring two books home each week to read. The children all have texts sent home appropriate to their reading age.	Sound mats will be sent out and the sound of the week activities shared on Google Classroom		Weekly activity on Google Classroom linked to one of the areas of the EYFS curriculum.
Year 1		A weekly phonics task will be set on Google Classroom to consolidate learning that has taken place in school that week.	Weekly basic skill activity – e.g. number bond songs	
Year 2	Please also continue to share bedtime stories at home.	We use Spelling Shed to set spelling tasks. Assignments will be set and outcomes monitored by the teaching staff.	We use Times Table Rockstars to set tables for the children to learn. In year 2 this is introduced in the Spring term.	Weekly maths/ literacy task- alternated each week set on Google Classroom
Year 3 and 4	Reading- reading 20 minutes a day has been proven to have the best impact on a child's development and outcomes.			
Year 5 and 6	Regular discussion about texts is vital. Information will be sent separately to support this at home.			

