



Hurst Hill Primary School

Homework Policy

Date	Review Date	Coordinator
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We believe that children can benefit from continuing their learning at home. Rehearsal and extension of knowledge, skills and understanding helps children to retain and apply what they do in school.

At Hurst Hill we strive to prepare our children for learning at secondary school and for life in modern Britain when they are adults. Younger children can develop good habits of concentration and organisation by completing activities with the support of an adult at home. Older children can develop the skills of independent learning and problem solving by completing homework *without* the support of an adult at home.

We encourage pupils to complete homework and aim to provide them with appropriately engaging and challenging activities on a weekly basis.

What type of work will be set?

In KS1, most homework will be set in a homework book, so will be paper based.

In KS2, most homework will be set online using Century or MyOn.

Reading

Throughout the school children are expected to read every day. We send paper books home for practice but also offer pupils MyOn, which is an online library catalogue for pupils to choose books to read at their level. In Reception this will take the form of sharing a book with an adult as well as learning to read words. In Reception and Key Stage One reading books will contain the words your child is learning to read in phonics lessons in school. In Key Stage 2 children will have more detailed texts which will be information books as well as stories. Parents and school will ensure that all children record their reading achievements in their reading journals.



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Mathematics

There will be a maths times tables test set each week, so pupils need to practice their tables at home on Times Tables Rock Star. Also, at least one times tables maths nugget will be set per week on Century in KS2.

By the end of Y2 pupils should know their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. By the end of Y4 pupils should know all their times tables up to the 12 times table.

How much time should be spent on homework?

Reception	Approximately 15 minutes every day on reading Additional number based activities will be uploaded to Tapestry weekly.
Year 1 & Year 2	15 minutes reading every day 1 Phonics or spelling activity per week. 1 English or Maths activity per week
Year 3 & 4	15 minutes reading every day 1 Maths activity per week on Century, plus the times tables test revision
Year 5 & 6	Minimum 20 minutes reading every day 1 Maths activity per week on Century including the times tables test revision, twice per week
Year 6	SATs preparation at home may include practice papers, practice test questions, longer writing activities, problem solving tasks and project work. These additional activities will also help children to prepare for the extra workload they will encounter in secondary school.

What about children who complete homework?

The expectation is that children will complete homework. Children's effort and achievements with homework are rewarded and praised such as through postcards home, praise, house points and raffle tickets. Teachers will keep records of children completing homework and these records will



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be checked on a regular basis. If there are any consistent problems with children not completing homework, we will contact parents/carers to find out why. The school's behaviour policy will be followed if sanctions are needed. Parents are able to talk to the school office about loaning a device if needed.

How will homework be marked?

Teachers will mark children's homework in a variety of ways according to the task set. Generally, the work will be marked in a way that shows the child where and how they have been successful and rewards will also be annotated (such as house points). This is also the case if the work is submitted online where the teacher can give feedback. On other occasions the work may be marked orally with the child or the class and there will not be evidence from the teacher in the child's book or folder.

How can you find out more about homework?

A curriculum map for each phase is sent home termly and published on the school website. These detail the topic being studied and the main content of learning in school within different subject areas. They give suggestions about ways to support your child's learning further.

For any other queries about home learning please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.