



Homework Policy

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HOMEWORK POLICY

At Cogenhoe Primary School, we recognise the valuable part that homework can play in a child's education. As a school, we believe that homework helps to practice and reinforce classroom learning; it also gives opportunities to develop key skills for independent learning, such as information retrieval and planning.

However, we also recognise that pupils have many other rich and varied learning experiences that they enjoy during their evenings, weekends and holidays. In addition, we also recognise that many of our pupils learn instruments, attend clubs like Brownies, swimming, football, and pursue many diverse and interesting hobbies. At our school, we also believe it is fundamental that children have time to socialise with friends and family; relax at home; explore the outdoors and generally have fun. Therefore, it is important to us that all our children have a healthy balance of these activities and learning, so that they are happy and ready to learn at school. With this in mind, we are keen to get the level and amount of homework that we send home right for a child's age, because we believe that it only works if we have families' support and enthusiasm.

Homework At Cogenhoe

Our children in Years 1 to 6 are supplied with Reading Journey books to communicate with parents. Spellings are sent home along with other homework and are updated weekly on the school website www.cogenhoe.northants.sch.uk. Literacy and Numeracy homework is undertaken in a homework book, which allows parents, children and teachers to provide feedback. In addition, Literacy and Numeracy homework is differentiated according to ability.

To support our parents with their child's learning, we hold regular workshops for parents. These provide invaluable information on ways that parents can support their child's learning at an age appropriate level in the core areas of learning. In addition curriculum newsletters are written frequently (three times a year) and these clearly explain the areas of learning, so that families can support their child with visits to the library, etc to enhance their understanding. These newsletters and other related curriculum content can be found on our website www.cogenhoe.northants.sch.uk in the appropriate Year Group pages.

Homework Guidance for Parents & Teachers

Our year groups have the following homework and the tasks should not be onerous; children should not be spending large amounts of time completing their work. If there is a concern surrounding this, parents are encouraged to speak to their child's class teacher. In addition to weekly homework, we would strongly recommend that our parents frequently practise the following basics regularly with their child:

- **Reading**
- **Spellings**
- **Multiplication Facts & Mental Maths**

These core skills are the foundation of every child's learning; they need these skills to be able to access other areas of the curriculum and therefore the reinforcement of these skills is fundamentally important. To support our parents with this at home, every child has access to Mathletics and Skoolbo.

Homework Outline for Year Groups

Foundation Stage:

Following the October Half term, parents can support their children's learning with regular reading and phonic practise. In addition, children in Reception will have the opportunity to complete a star challenge if they wish.

Year 1

- Regular reading and phonic practising
- Star challenges, which relate to the children's learning in the classroom.
- Weekly spellings

Year 2

- Weekly rotation of English, Maths and curriculum homework with occasional project work. Please note that pupils will have longer to complete project work.

Year 3

- Alternate Literacy and Maths homework and one curriculum project during the half term break.

Year 4

- Alternate Literacy and Maths homework and one curriculum project during the half term break.

Year 5

- Weekly Maths and Literacy homework. In addition there will be one curriculum project during the half term break.

Year 6

Weekly Maths and Literacy and one curriculum project during the half term break.

Please note that all homework will be issued on a Friday and is available on the school website: www.cogenhoe.northants.sch.uk

Please regard homework as an enjoyable experience and provide a quiet space for your child. If there are any difficulties, please seek guidance from the teacher.

Your part in your child's education is invaluable. Have fun!