



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.

We 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 or cubs, 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

All of our children are supplied with Reading Journey books to communicate with parents about the reading that is taking place at school and at home.

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 shared at the beginning of each term and these clearly explain the areas of learning being covered in each curriculum area for each year group.

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.

Foundation Stage:

- Regular home reading and phonic practise
- Sight words to read and spell
- Gold Star Challenges
- Weekly Mathematics (Spring term onwards)

Year 1

- Regular home reading and phonic practise
- Weekly spellings
- Weekly Mathematics challenges
- Curriculum project challenges (1 per term -optional)

Year 2

- Regular home reading and phonic practise
- Weekly spellings
- Weekly Mathematics challenges
- Curriculum project challenges (1 per term - optional)

Year 3

- Regular home reading
- Weekly spellings
- Weekly Mathematics challenges
- Curriculum project challenges (1 per term - optional)

Year 4

- Regular home reading
- Weekly spellings
- Weekly Mathematics challenges
- Curriculum project challenges (1 per term - optional)

Year 5

- Regular home reading
- Weekly spellings
- Weekly Mathematics challenges
- Curriculum project challenges (1 per term - optional)

Year 6

- Regular home reading
- Weekly spellings
- Weekly Mathematics challenges
- Maths, reading and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation study books to support learning throughout the year

In addition to weekly homework, we would strongly recommend that our parents frequently practise the following basics regularly with their child:

- **Reading a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books for pleasure**
- **Multiplication Facts & Mental Maths**

If you have any concerns about your child's homework or would like further information on how to support their learning at home, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.