

Egginton Primary School

Homework Policy

Aims

Through this policy we aim to:

- Develop an effective partnership between Egginton and parents.
- Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school.
- Ensure that teachers, parents/ carers and children are aware of the role they play with regard to homework.

Purpose of homework

- To practise or consolidate basic skills and knowledge, especially in English and Mathematics.
- Encourage pupils and parents/ carers to share and enjoy learning experiences.
- To deepen understanding and further develop a love of learning within the wider curriculum.
- To allow parents/ carers to gain an understanding of what their children are learning in school.
- To encourage pupils as they get older to develop the confidence and self discipline needed to study on their own, preparing them for the requirements of secondary school.

The role of the school

- To provide parents/ carers and children with clear guidelines and instructions of homework to be completed.
- To provide activities to consolidate and challenge pupils learning.
- To provide activities which are appropriate to the needs of the child and contribute well to pupils learning.
- To celebrate the effort pupils put into homework.

The role of the parents/ carers

- To support their child in completing homework tasks and activities.
- To ensure they complete their homework and hand it in on time.
- To provide appropriate conditions for their child to complete their homework.

Homework Books

Homework books are used to keep homework in and are sent home. They are expected to be returned to the class teacher at the time identified for that year group.

Marking

Homework books will be briefly marked and team points given.

Pupils with Special Educational Needs

We set homework for all children as a normal part of school life. We ensure that all tasks set are appropriate to the ability of the child. If a child has a special educational need or a specific learning difficulty, we endeavour to adapt tasks set so they continue to make progress in their learning.

Year Group Expectations for Homework

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Reading	Reading to an adult at least 3 times a week	Reading to an adult at least 3 times a week	Reading to an adult at least 3 times a week	Reading to an adult or discussing reading book with an adult at least 3 times a week 'Super 6 questions' in reading diary to support comprehension	Reading to an adult or discussing reading book with an adult at least 3 times a week 'Super 6 questions' in reading diary to support comprehension
Spelling	Phonics tasks set as part of half termly home work challenge	Phonics tasks set as part of half termly homework challenge. Weekly spellings of 5 words to begin after Christmas	10 spellings sent home to learn each week on a Friday in preparation for the 'writing challenge' the following Friday.	10 spellings sent home to learn each week	10 to 15 spellings sent home to learn each week differentiated to challenge pupils as appropriate
Number bonds/ tables	Sumdog website	Sumdog website	Sumdog website	Sumdog website	Sumdog website
English/ Maths/ Topic	9 tasks of varying levels of challenge set at the start of each half term. The tasks cover a wide range of different aspects of the curriculum including English and Maths Homework to be completed in homework books or uploaded to learning blogs (Tapestry/ Dojo) and reviewed at the end of the half term.			12 tasks of varying levels of challenge set at the start of each half term. The tasks cover a wide range of different aspects of the curriculum including English and Maths. Homework to be completed in homework books and a different task to be completed each week.	12 tasks of varying levels of challenge set at the start of each half term. The tasks cover a wide range of different aspects of the curriculum including English and Maths. Homework to be completed in homework books and a different task to be completed each week. Throughout Year 6, homework expectations will increase and become more regimented in preparation for transition to secondary school.
Recommended websites to support learning at home.	Topmarks	Topmarks BBC Key Stage 2 bitesize	Topmarks BBC Key Stage 1 bitesize	Topmarks BBC Key Stage 2 bitesize	Topmarks BBC Key Stage 2 bitesize

Primarily, we want our pupils to lead happy lives and enjoy their learning at Egginton and therefore we believe a healthy balance between work and play should be evident for all our children.

As staff we will always endeavour to make time to support pupils with homework challenges if they have had difficulty with completing tasks at home.

This policy will be reviewed in November 2019.