

GROVE ROAD SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

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The Purpose of Homework

- Developing an effective partnership between the school and parents and carers in pursuing the aims of the school (in Reception and KS1 this is the key purpose of homework);
- Consolidating and reinforcing skills and understanding, particularly in literacy and numeracy;
- Using resources for learning from outside school;
- Extending school learning, for example through additional reading;
- Encouraging pupils as they get older to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study on their own, and preparing them for the requirements of secondary school (particularly in KS2).

The Role of Parents and Carers in supporting pupil's homework

We would encourage parents/carers to:

- Provide a reasonably peaceful, suitable place in which pupils can do their homework – alone or, more often for younger children, together with an adult – or help pupils attend other places where homework can be done, such as our homework club;
- Make it clear to pupils that they value homework, and support the school in explaining how it can help their learning;
- Encourage pupils and praise them when they have completed homework.

Broad expectations of time allocation for homework

Reception Year	Introduced gradually during the year
Years 1 & 2	1 hour/week
Years 3 & 4	1.5 hours/week
Years 5 & 6	2.5 hours/week – 30 minutes daily

The daily reading which the DFE recommends for all children can, of course, be done as part of homework.

The type of homework which is appropriate for pupils of different ages

The main focus of homework will be literacy and numeracy

Reception Year	Enjoying books
Years 1 & 2	Reading, spellings, literacy, numeracy
Years 3 & 4	Reading, spellings, literacy, numeracy, occasional assignments in other subjects
Years 5 & 6	Reading, spellings, literacy, numeracy, assignments ranging widely over the curriculum

Homework and Study Support Facilities

Children in KS2 are able to attend our school Homework club which runs one morning a week, from 8.00 to 8.55 a.m. Children can drop in any time after 8.00 a.m. Please check with the office to find out which morning Homework club is on as the day may change from term to term. Occasionally, children in KS2 may be asked to complete homework at playtime or during assembly if they haven't had time to complete it during the week.