

Downsway School

HOMEWORK POLICY

Aims

Through this policy we aim to:

- have a consistent expectation of homework throughout the school
- encourage progression of independence and individual responsibility
- take into account the needs of individual children
- give parents/guardians a clear understanding about expectations of the curriculum
- extend and support the learning experience through reinforcement
- provide opportunities for parents and pupils to work together and enjoy learning experiences
- prepare children for transition to the next year group and secondary transfer

RECOMMENDED TIME ALLOCATION FOR HOMEWORK

Years 1 and 2	up to 1 hour/week
Years 3 and 4	1.5 hours/week
Years 5 and 6	30minutes/day

RECEPTION/ YEAR 1/ YEAR 2

The main focus of homework in Years R, 1 and 2 will be on reading.

We would like all children to read to their parents or carers and to be read to by parents or carers.

In Years 1 and 2 children will be given a nightly 10/15 minutes expectation to read.

It is most important that the child's Reading Record is signed each night by an adult.

In addition, we provide homework grids where the children can choose tasks to do. These include a range of subjects such as writing maths DT Art RE etc.

Other homework may consist of learning spellings/words, practise of simple Numeracy skills, play simple games or most importantly, to talk to parents about their work.

Maths expectations include Number bonds 1-20, Tables 2/5/10 by the end of KS1

YEARS 3 AND 4

Homework in Years 3 and 4 will continue to focus on reading with a minimum of 10 minutes reading daily.

It is most important that parents and parents continue to monitor their child's reading.

It is important that the child's Reading Record is signed each night by an adult.

As well as nightly reading homework, children will be given spellings and tables to learn weekly.

In addition, we provide homework grids where the children can choose tasks to do that include a range of subjects such as writing maths DT Art RE etc.

Tables 2/5/10/3/4/6/7/8/9/11/12

YEARS 5 AND 6

Homework in Years 5 and 6 will be set on a regular basis, with a 15/20 minute daily reading expectation.

It is important that the child's Reading Record is signed each night by an adult.

Children in Years 5 and 6 will also occasionally be given homework ranging over other areas of the curriculum. We have created a homework grid for children to choose tasks to do that include a range of subjects such as writing maths DT Art RE etc.

It is possible that Year 6 children will be given an increasing amount of 'revision type' homework in the Spring Term.