



BLACKMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK INFORMATION

Introduction

Homework is anything that children do outside the normal school day that contributes to their learning in response to guidance from the school. Homework encompasses a whole variety of activities instigated by teachers and parents to support children's learning. For example, a parent who spends time reading a story to their child before bedtime is helping with homework.

Be the best you can be

Respect

Independence

Generosity

Honesty

Tolerance

Enjoy learning together

Responsibility

Our future is 'BRIGHTER' at Blackmore

Rationale

The purpose of homework is:

- to consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding particularly in English and Maths
- to extend school learning
- to involve parents in their child's learning
- to encourage pupils to become confident learners and to take responsibility for their own learning
- develop independent learning skills

Role of Parents/Carers in Supporting Pupils

At Blackmore Primary School we see the completion of homework as a partnership as agreed in the Home/School Agreement. Parents are encouraged to:

- provide a reasonably peaceful, suitable place in which a pupil can do their homework
- ensure homework is completed and their child hands it in on time
- make it clear to pupils that they value homework and support the school in explaining how it benefits learning
- encourage pupils and praise them when they have completed homework
- offer support and encouragement where necessary
- establish good routines for completion of homework and encourage children to work independently when able to
- monitor the completion of homework and inform the school if an issue arises

Feedback for Pupils, Parents/Carers and Teachers

Teachers will ensure that homework is always marked and feedback given when appropriate. Marking of homework can be done in a variety of ways whether it be by the class teacher, teaching assistant, pupil independently marking work with guidance from class teacher or group review or peer marking.

If parents require help in supporting their child with homework, we encourage them to liaise with the class teacher.

Structure of Homework

At Blackmore Primary School, teachers regularly compare homework tasks and discuss children's needs to ensure consistency across the school. Homework tasks may vary from class to class but the teachers always ensure, regardless of the children's age, that the tasks set are differentiated and cater for pupil's individual needs.

We believe that the basic structure of homework should be consistent across the school (such as English and Maths related tasks) but the task and amount of time allocated to complete tasks will vary across each class and Key Stage according to age and stage of development. Each teacher will specify their expectations of homework in termly letters to parents.

A variety of topic-based projects may be given during different times in the year which may require the children to use a variety of skills from researching to construction.

We encourage parents to help your children where necessary, but ask that you resist the temptation of completing it for them.

Examples of English Homework Tasks	Examples of Maths Homework Tasks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading levelled books (**3 x per week) • Comprehension Activity • Grammar • High Frequency word books • Spelling (high frequency or letter strings) • <u>ActiveLearn grammar, reading books and activities</u> • <u>Phonics Activities (KS1)</u> <p>NB – Spelling may be completed using different strategies such as writing sentences, finding definitions, dictation, games, writing tasks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental maths • Key Instant Recall Facts • Revision of basic maths skills/knowledge • ActiveLearn maths games • Doodlemaths activities • Timetable Rock stars • Mental Maths Games

Year Group	**Recommended Time Allocation (Minimum requirement)
Reception	10 minutes per day
Key Stage One	Up to 20 minutes per day
Lower Key Stage Two	1½ - 2 hours per week
Upper Key Stage Two	2½ - 3 hours per week

***Please note:** Reading should be completed at least three times per week, however, other homework can be completed in a staged approach.

***Whilst it is our expectation that children read with their parents 3 times a week, if you read daily with your child, they will make much better progress than if you do not.*