

Otterham Primary School

Homework Policy
October 2024



Version 5

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Here at Otterham we see homework as serving the following purposes:

- 1 To encourage self-discipline and personal organisation
 - 2 To create additional time for structured learning
 - 3 To bridge the gap between home and school
 - 4 To allow parents direct involvement in their child's learning
- **The school believes that Homework should consist of reinforcing those skills already learnt in the classroom or to occasionally undertake personal research**
 - **The frequency and length of tasks will vary according to the age and needs of our children, and according to the programme of work at the time**

Principally, the amount of homework will be as follows:

| Class | Tasks | Time |
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| 3 | Rec / Y1 / Y2 Daily reading | Approx 10 mins/day |
| | Y1 / Y2 – Weekly Spellings | 15 mins |
| | Y1 – Maths + English Workouts Y2 – Maths + English Workouts | 10 mins each |
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| 2 | Daily reading | 10 mins/day |
| | Weekly Spellings | 20/30 mins per week |
| | Maths Workout | 10 mins |
| | GPS Workout | 10 mins |
| 1 | Daily Reading | 20 mins/day |
| | Maths Workout | 20 mins max |
| | GPS Workout | 20 mins max |
| | NB - Spelling in class | |

- If a parent feels that particular circumstances warrant additional homework this should be discussed with the class teacher.
- Homework should be set for clearly defined purposes, not for its own sake.
- It will not be appropriate for homework to be set for new work which has not been introduced in class.
- Homework set should be followed up in class and it should be made clear to children that not doing homework may have a negative impact on their class work.
- At Otter ham School we expect all children to read daily at home. In EYFS and Key Stage 1 we ask parents to listen to their child read daily and sign the reading record book. In Key Stage 2 we expect children to read daily but encourage parents to share reading 2/3 x per week. Parents should sign reading records (comment optional) on a weekly basis.

This policy will be published on the website to allow parent feedback.

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