



Homework Guidance for Reception Parents/Carers

Homework reinforces classroom learning and helps develop skills taught in school. Your support with homework makes such a difference and can improve your child's general confidence in learning both in and out of the school. We hope that you will find this guide helpful and valuable as you support your child in his or her homework.

What is my child expected to do at home?

- Your child is given a homework grid with activities to complete throughout the half term. You and your child should work together to complete the amount of points needed. Homework tasks can be completed a variety of ways; work in your homework book; pictures of what you have been doing and bringing in your model/work into class.
- In addition, your child should spend 10 to 15 minutes, every day reading. When reading your 'Share with me' story book, you and your child should read aloud and then talk about what they have read. When reading a levelled reading book your child should be able to read most of the book to you with a little support and encouragement from yourselves. Please encourage them to talk about the story and the pictures as this helps to develop a love of reading and it allows them to understand what they are reading.
- Also, your child will have red and green word flash cards to practise and this is most effective if you spend a few minutes on this every day. Red words are words your child will not be able to sound out but they need to recognise these words when reading. Green words are words that your child will be able to sound out using the letter sounds they have been taught.
- **All of the above will be in a reading pack that will come home with your child soon. Also in the pack, there will be a sound book that has the sounds your child knows. Please practice these sounds whilst practicing your red and green flashcards.**

How can parents help?

- Encourage your child to take care and pride in the presentation of their work.
- Take a close interest in your child's work and offer to help by; listening to reading, asking questions, testing sounds and red and green words.

In Reception we are wanting to have a homework club where you and your child would have an opportunity to complete a piece of homework each week together. The club will run on a Thursday night from 3:15 – 4:00, if you are interested please sign up with your child's teacher.

Spending even a small amount of time supporting and showing a genuine interest in your child's homework will encourage and motivate your child.

All homework will go out at the beginning of each half term; your child must bring a book bag/ bag to school every day with their reading pack inside.	
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read a 'Share with me' book at least once a week.• Read a levelled reading book daily and sign your child's Reading Record at least once a week.• Sound and flash cards need to be practised daily.• Flash cards and sounds and reading books will be changed each week.
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We are wanting to do a parent's meeting during school time to discuss how reading is taught and talk though what you can do to help at home. Please see your child's teacher to make an appointment at a time that suits you.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you to develop your child's progress.