



Frizinghall Primary School

Homework Policy

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Signed on behalf of the governing body:

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At Frizinghall Primary School, we know that our children work really hard at school and we acknowledge their down time at home is important for extra-curricular activities, relaxation and family time. Children need undirected time at home and at the weekend to help extend their imaginative play, their creativity and to ensure mental well-being. We do not believe in setting pieces of homework without a purpose, and do not intend homework to be stressful or to put parents or children under pressure. We hope that the homework we set can be a pleasant, shared experience in which parents can be involved with their children's learning. It can be completed at each child's own pace and hope that parents feel able to know and say when enough is enough for their child at home, and not let homework overburden them.

We strongly believe that homework should add to classroom teaching rather than replace it, and that homework should be used to:

- Practise things that need on-going repetition and time (such as spellings and times tables)
- Consolidate, reinforce or extend work covered at school
- Encourage children to become independent learners who can take responsibility for their learning and organise themselves
- Remind children that learning does not only take place at school.

What we do:

We foster a consistent approach across the school and hope that homework is clear and straight-forward to complete, with the impact being seen in the children's work and confidence in school. The homework activities which we feel will have the biggest impact on your child are reading, spelling, English, maths and work relating to your child's current theme. Homework will be sent home on Tuesdays and must be returned to school the following Monday.

In order to ensure that homework is manageable for families and does not prevent time being available for extra-curricular activities, relaxation and family time, the following maximum times will be used:

- Reception, Year 1 & 2 : 60 minutes per week
- Year 3 & 4 : 90 minutes per week
- Year 5 & 6 : 30 minutes per day

Reading

We know that children who read and are read to and see others read regularly at home make speedier progress at school. Reading is a crucial life skill that is needed to access the curriculum and to develop a child's creative ideas. Every child at Frizinghall is expected to read or share a book regularly at home so that reading skills, understanding and enjoyment develop rapidly. Reading regularly (ideally as part of a daily routine) will also become a habit that will hopefully continue throughout life. Parents are encouraged to comment on the child's reading at home in the Reading Record.

Children visit the library every week and are encouraged to share this book at home.

Summary of weekly homework:

Nursery	The 'Rhyme of the Week' is sent home to learn for 'Rhyme Time' and parents are invited to this. We encourage the children to participate in our Library routine - take home books.
Reception	Reading books are sent home daily (these are changed once a parent signs the reading record but at least twice a week). Tricky Words A piece of English, maths or theme related work (these will alternate).
Year 1	Two reading books are sent home weekly. Phonic words/Tricky words English Maths
Year 2	Three reading books are sent home weekly. Phonic words/Tricky words English Maths
Year 3	Reading books are changed as needed. Spelling Maths English
Year 4	Reading books are changed as needed. Spelling Maths English
Year 5	Reading books are changed as needed. Spelling Maths English
Year 6	Reading books are changed as needed. Spelling Maths English (Revision during SATs preparation)

Additional Homework

Purple Mash – 2Dos linked to the current work or your child's individual needs will be set weekly

TT Rockstars – KS2 weekly class competitions and termly KS2 Competitions will be set

Numbots – KS1

Half termly family projects

We encourage parents to help their children to have a good go at their homework and to bring it back to school by the agreed date. Parents are therefore encouraged to contact their child's teacher, as soon as is convenient, if there is any sort of difficulty with homework so that the teacher can support either the parent or child as necessary. We are very keen that homework is a positive experience for every child and family, and genuinely contributes to the child's learning.