



Pennyhill Primary School Homework Policy

We define homework as any activity that pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members. At Pennyhill Primary we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of developing this partnership.

Why give homework?

- It can inform parents about work going on in class
- It can further stimulate enthusiasm for learning;
- It takes advantage of the home environment and resources and the chance for some quality one to one adult time;
- It is a great opportunity to rehearse key skills such as times tables, doubling facts, addition sums, spellings, handwriting and other key facts
- It can be a great source for gathering topic information to share with all the children
- It helps to foster good habits of organisation and self discipline in preparation for the demands of Secondary School.

Homework at our school

We hope the children are motivated by positive incentives and by the tasks themselves; children are not punished if they fail to complete the work. However if a child consistently fails to complete and return tasks, this is may be discussed with the child and their parents particularly in Year 6 when we are preparing children for the demands of Secondary School.

Our routines and expectations

All classes give out weekly homework . The class teacher will ensure that your child knows which day to expect their homework and when it must be returned. Homework is explained and discussed in class before coming home; it may be a continuation of classwork, or a maths games already familiar to your child. As far as possible, homework will be related to what is being taught in class. This is important as it helps parents to know more about what is going on in class and to support enthusiasm for learning.

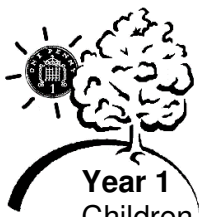
Broadly speaking these are current expectations:

Nursery

Children take home a library book to share. They may also be asked to find things at home to bring and show in school.

Reception

Children are sent home with two reading books, a pre reader and a phonics reading book and word tins to support their reading. They will also take home a phonics sheet and a maths sheet every week. We also ask parents to support us by enabling your child to practise key social skills and contributing to 'wow moments'.



Year 1

Children are expected to read their reading book every day and learn any spellings which have been given by the teacher. The children are also provided with a learning challenge homework project to complete half termly.

Year 2

Children are expected to read their reading book every day and learn any spellings which have been given by the teacher. The children are also provided with a learning challenge homework project to complete half termly. They also receive a piece of maths homework fortnightly.

Year 3

Children are expected to read their reading book every day and learn any spellings which have been given by the teacher. The children are also provided with a learning challenge homework project to complete half termly. They also receive a piece of Maths or English homework weekly.

Year 4

Children are expected to read their reading book every day and learn any spellings which have been given by the teacher. They also receive a piece of Maths or English homework weekly. The children are also provided with learning challenge homework fortnightly.

Year 5

Children are expected to read their reading book every day and learn any spellings which have been given by the teacher. They also receive a piece of Maths homework weekly. The children are also provided with a family learning project each half term.

Year 6

Children are expected to read their reading book every day and continue to practise their timestables. In addition to this they also have a set of study books to support their learning. Children are set exercises from these study books on a weekly basis with a focus on Maths and English every week. Home learning challenges are also sent at least half termly. In the time leading up to SAT tests, the Year 6 children may be given additional revision work.

If you have any concerns about the homework which your child is receiving please talk to the classteacher in the first instance.