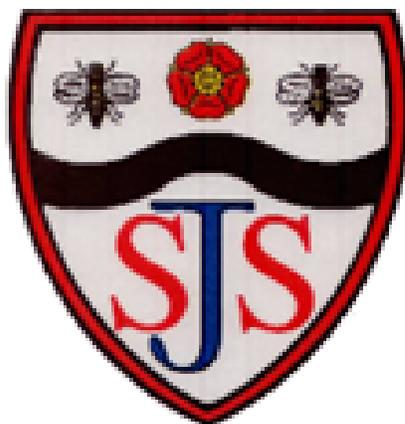


Shadsworth Junior School

Homework Policy



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At Shadsworth Junior School, we believe that a commitment to homework by teachers, children and parents will improve our pupils' performance in school.

Homework offers pupils an opportunity to extend and consolidate school learning. It is a three way partnership that will develop independence, initiative and self-discipline as well as raising standards in pupils' attainment.

Homework that is set will compliment and support the work they are doing in class and will be either marked by the teacher or reviewed and marked together as a whole class. Account will be taken of individual pupil abilities when both setting and marking the homework.

The Main Purposes of Homework are:

- To extend school learning
- To give pupils the opportunity to practise and consolidate their learning particularly in English and Maths.
- To encourage self-discipline
- To help parents understand and to be included in what and how their children are learning in school.
- To develop links with parents and encourage the recognition of children's achievements both at home and at school.

The Role of the Class Teachers:

- Is to regularly set homework in accordance with this policy.
- To set work that is appropriate for the abilities of the children in their class.
- To mark the work or to discuss the homework in a whole class situation.
- To keep parents informed of their child's progress and make them aware of any issues relating to the work at parent's evenings.

The Role of the Pupil:

- To complete their homework to the best of their ability
- To take an increasing responsibility for submitting their work on time.

The Role of Parents:

- To provide a suitably quiet place where children can do their homework.
- Support their children in the completion of the homework task.
- Encourage their child and value their work.
- Join in with homework and reading with their children.
- Encourage the child to be responsible for their own homework.

Administrative Guidelines

- Each pupil will have a dedicated homework book which they will take home on the Friday at the beginning of each half term. If a homework book is lost it cannot be replaced during the school year.
- A homework grid of activities will be displayed on the school website each half term. You can find it by clicking on the class page tab and then go to your child's class.
- The homework grid will have a box which shows what needs to be done every week. This will be as follows:
 - ✓ To learn their weekly spellings for a little test each week
 - ✓ To play on Times Table Rock Stars (children will know their log in and password)
 - ✓ To read a book of their choice for fifteen minutes three times a week - this is the minimum length of time. They can read for as long as they like!
 - ✓ Write a few comments each week their home / school reading booklet
- Children can then select from a range of different activities from each box on the homework grid.
- Children will always be encouraged to produce some quality homework each term and it will be explained to them how it will help their learning in school
- Children are to bring their homework book in during the last week of term.
- Activities on the grid will vary and we aim to make it fun and enjoyable for children.
- Homework books will be marked by the teacher at the end of each term
- Children will receive rewards and praise for completing their homework
- Pupils who do not complete their homework will be encouraged and reminded but will not be sanctioned. It is the responsibility of pupils and their parents to complete additional work. School accepts and understands that there can be a variety of reasons why children do not complete homework at Primary School.
- Rewards will be decided and agreed in each classroom and will be appropriate for the child's age. It could include, pens, pencils, money for our school shop or a trend of the moment!
- A homework grid will be displayed on the class page of the website the first week of each new half term.
- Teachers will be happy to discuss any aspects of homework which parents and children if required and will update you at parents' evenings.