



Homework Agreement
Meadow Class
September 2023 to July 2024

Homework

Homework will be issued on a **Friday** and is expected to be completed by the following **Friday**. It is then marked prior to issuing the next week's homework. This gives children a week to complete the work and means that families can choose a time to fit in with their weekly routine. Homework is expected to be completed neatly in the Homework book, to the same standards expected for work completed in school. If homework is not completed by Friday, children may be asked to complete work at break or lunchtime that day. If a child is absent on the day that homework is issued, the work will be issued to them on their return. If you have any questions about homework, please ask Mrs Thomas as soon as possible.

English

Reading

Children are issued with a school reading book and are expected to read regularly at home. From Summer 2023, this reading is recorded on Accelerated Reader and children complete quizzes in school to assess their understanding of the text. Children in Year 3 and less confident readers should read daily, usually with an adult. More confident readers should aim for 4 times weekly (at least once a week with an adult), to develop comprehension and inference skills. Please use the Reading Record to write comments. Children will earn Do-Jos for reading signed by an adult and they will move up the classroom Reading Ladder.

Spellings

Children are given their own personal lists from the appropriate Statutory Spellings list to practise at home. There is no weekly spelling test, however, we believe that regular practice will help the children to improve their spellings. Please practise 5 spellings each week. The lists are issued every two weeks.

See the document *Practising Spellings at Home* on the English Phonics and Spellings page of the school website for strategies you could use with your child at home. We are also using these strategies at school.

Writing

Some homework will include an opportunity to consolidate the work done in class by producing a piece of writing, e.g. a diary or piece of research. This work is expected to be presented to the same standards as work at school.

Grammar

Homework might include practising grammar or punctuation, e.g. writing sentences with an adjective. Examples will always be given. Please ask if anything is unclear.

Mathematics

Mathematics homework will be issued throughout the term, along with English homework and topic work.

In addition, **it is important that the children regularly practise their times tables**, e.g. by using an app or a website such as Hit The Button or TT Rockstars, by asking “quick-fire” questions or by chanting the tables. The national expectation is that children will know all their times tables by the end of Year 4 ready for the statutory multiplication test. In Years 5 and 6 we work on quicker recall of multiplication and division facts, also on “using what you know”, e.g. if $3 \times 2 = 6$, then $300 \times 2 = 600$.

Optional Homework

Children are always encouraged to carry out research or bring in information, books or artefacts related to the current topic! Although we don't have a regular slot for Show and Tell, children are welcome to show or tell the class any relevant information that they have found out in their own time!

If you have any questions about how you can help your child at home please speak to any of the Meadow Class teachers. Thank you for your on-going support!

Mrs Thomas