



# HOMEWORK POLICY

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# Homework Policy

We have reviewed and changed our homework policy as a result of recent research from the Sutton Trust and in consultation with staff.

In essence, here at Rawmarsh Sandhill Primary School, we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and wish to see homework as a way of developing this partnership. We define homework as an activity that pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members.

## 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 provides the chance for some one to one adult time
- It can be a great source for gathering topic information to share with all the children
- It is a great opportunity to rehearse key skills such as times tables and spelling
- It helps to foster good habits of organisation and self-discipline in preparation for the demands of Secondary School

## Homework at our school

We support all of the above principles and we feel that Rawmarsh Sandhill is a school at which we wish homework to complement home life and to be a positive experience. We believe that homework should be completed often and in small amounts.

Children who struggle to complete homework at home due a lack of work space or resources will be given opportunities to complete homework in school. Discreet homework registers are kept



and if a child consistently fails to complete and return tasks, this is discussed with the child and their parents.

### **Our routines and expectations**

Depending on the age of your child, this will vary to a degree.

Homework will consist of:

- Reading at least three times a week. This can either be reading to an adult or being read to by an adult. We view reading as a two way process. It is important to encourage the children to have an enjoyment of reading rather than seeing it as a chore.
- Spellings – these will be appropriate to each year group
- Topic based projects/research – children will be given a half termly list of project based tasks to choose from. They will be given a date to return their homework to school and they will also have the opportunity to present to the rest of the class the task they have completed
- Maths homework will be completed using 'My Maths' (an online resource that school have purchased for all children)
- Year 6 pupils may be asked to do an increased level of homework in preparation for demands of secondary school

We expect children to maintain the same standards of presentation of homework as we set in school.

A homework group will be set up for those children who do not have access to the Internet.

### **Holidays during term time**

If you take a holiday during term time, something that we actively discourage, parents may not request work from the teacher. We suggest that parents support their child in keeping a holiday diary.

### **What to do if you have concerns**

If you find the homework inappropriate for your child, if they lack interest, if it becomes a battleground or if you are concerned that homework is given inconsistently please talk with your child's class teacher in the first instance.