

The Purpose of Homework

Children need opportunities to **practise and apply** things they are taught in school, in order to truly **learn and retain information and skills**. Whilst we do revisit learning in school, additional practice at home is extremely beneficial.

Homework allows parents/carers to be **involved** with children's learning and fosters a **strong partnership** between home and school.

Additional Benefits of homework:

- Increases **memory** power
- Improves **thinking skills**
- Enhances **concentration**
- Promotes **self-discipline**
- Develops **independent learning skills**
- **Prepares** children for the next phase of education
- Creates a bridge between **home and school**

Homework - The link between home and school

Reading

Reading really is the **cornerstone** or **foundation** of education. Being able to read fluently gives us **better access to learning** in all subject areas.

Reading can be one of the greatest pleasures of life. When you can read independently you can access a whole world of **learning and enjoyment**.

By supporting your child as they learn to read, you are helping them to progress and giving them a great **advantage** in life.

Maths

Maths homework helps children to **practise and consolidate** what they have been doing in class.

Many maths skills need to be kept "on the boil". **Revisiting concepts** regularly will help your child to retain them and be ready for the **next steps** in their mathematical learning journey.

Mathematical "fluency", for example knowing number bonds, doubles and halves, or times tables, helps your child to work quickly and accurately and **apply their skills** across different areas of the subject.

Little and often really helps!

Spelling

Being able to **spell confidently** will support your child in becoming a **fluent writer**.

Spelling homework is designed to help pupils practise **rules and patterns**, as well as getting to grips with some of those **tricky words** in the English language that don't fit the rules!