

Moor Nook Community Primary School



Homework Policy

September 2024

Homework is any activity outside the school day that reinforces and extends the teaching and learning that occurs in school, whilst helping to develop children's independence. It encourages parental involvement in their child's learning and helps develop the partnership between school and home.

Aims

- To consolidate fundamental key skills in English and Maths, in particular reading, spelling and times tables.
- To extend learning beyond the school environment and reinforce the notion that learning takes place in all aspects of life.
- To promote co-operation between home and school in supporting learning and provide opportunities for children and parents to share learning experiences.
- To improve and develop study skills, including personal responsibility and independence, that can help children be successful in the future.

Practising fundamental key skills at home plays a vital role in linking learning in school with learning at home. This offers children and families an opportunity to share in the learning process, extending and consolidating key learning from school, often in fun and engaging, creative ways. The link between home and school is strengthened whilst parents and families have an opportunity to discover how and what their children learn and how well they are progressing.

Organisation and Expectations

At Moor Nook Primary School, we believe that children should have regular practice of the fundamentals in learning. Therefore, we require our children to focus on reading, practising times tables and spellings at home.

Reading will always remain of paramount importance regardless of the child's stage in their school career. It is expected that children will read with an adult at home every day.

If teachers feel that a child will benefit from extra practice of a particular skill at home, extra tasks to complete at home may be given.

In the EYFS, children are expected to complete our school initiative '50 experiences before you're 5' as outlined in the aims, this is paramount for developing children's vocabulary and language skills.

In Year 6 the amount of homework will increase in preparation for KS2 SATs and high school. We believe this will develop organisational skills and a growing sense of responsibility as our oldest children get ready to move on.

If parents have any concerns regarding what their child is asked to practise at home or being able to support and encourage their child, please contact your child's teacher. All children are expected to engage in practising fundamental key skills at home regardless of age or ability.

If parents take holidays during term time, something we actively discourage, work will not be provided by the teacher. We suggest that parents encourage their child to read, practise their maths in real life situations and develop their cultural/life experiences whilst away.

S.Clough, Headteacher

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