

The John Harrox Primary School



Our Homework Programme

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This leaflet introduces you to our homework programme. There is no doubt that parents who are involved in their child's learning help them to progress, to gain confidence and improve their performance. We appreciate the support that many of you already give your children at home and the contributions made to ensure our homework policy is effective.

We believe the main purposes of homework are:

- to **develop our links** with parents to ensure an effective partnership.
- to help to give you a **clear understanding** of what your child is learning in school.
- to give your child an **opportunity to practise** what they are learning, especially in literacy and maths.
- to develop **self-discipline, motivation** and **perseverance**.
- to help your child to learn to plan the **wise use of time** and to develop confidence.
- to develop the 'homework habit', in **preparation** for secondary school.
- to **increase self-esteem** through knowing that their achievements are regarded as important by home and school.
- to help you to **understand the approaches and techniques** we are using in school.
- to make use of all kinds of **learning resources** that you have at home.
- to **extend** school learning.



The following outlines the general content of homework at our school:

Reception	Reading (5 minutes daily) Letter sounds (5 minutes daily)
Years 1 and 2	Reading (10 minutes daily) Letter sounds/spelling (10 minutes daily) Year 2 Maths (20 minutes once a week)
Years 3 and 4	Reading (5-10 minutes daily) Spelling (5-10 minutes daily) Mental maths (5-10 minutes daily) Topic/Literacy and Maths (30 minutes maximum each piece - weekly) Incidental homework/Research - topic based
Years 5 and 6	Reading (15 minutes daily) Spelling (10 minutes daily) Mental maths (10 minutes daily) Literacy and Maths (45 minutes maximum each piece - weekly) Incidental homework/Research - topic based

Although we have specified a minimum time for daily reading there should be no limit to the time spent enjoying and sharing books with children. This time should include talking with them about the books they bring home, and increasingly asking about story lines, characters and so on. Sharing books with children can be a very special 'bonding' time.



Homework tasks will come home, either in children's reading bags or in a folder and will be accompanied by a recording booklet or homework diary. There will be a space provided for parents' comments.

Your child will be more successful if they develop positive attitudes to homework. You can help them by:

- making sure they have a quiet place to do their homework;
- checking that they understand what they have to do;
- praising them when they try hard;
- showing them that you are interested in what they are learning;
- trying not to teach your child a method you learnt if it differs from the way they are being taught at school, especially with mathematics;
- joining in with homework tasks whenever you can!

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you want to find out more about our homework programme.

Visit the Pupils Section on our website
www.johnharroxprimary.co.uk

**A copy of our full Homework Policy is available on request from
the School Office**

