



Homework Statement

Avenue Junior School is committed to the partnership between home and school and believes the support given at home is an essential part of children's development.

In deciding our approach to homework we aim to

- Provide opportunities for parents/carers, children and the school to work together in partnership in relation to children's learning.
- Encourage pupils and their parents/carers to share and enjoy learning experiences.
- Reinforce work covered in class by providing further opportunities for learning.
- Practise or consolidate basic skills and knowledge, especially in Maths and English.
- Encourage children to develop the responsibility, confidence and self-discipline needed to study independently.
- Prepare Year 6 pupils for the transfer to secondary school.

We are also guided by the principle that homework should not cause undue stress on the pupil and the family.

This approach was formulated after careful consideration of a research project in school, feedback from parental and child questionnaires and consultation with staff and governors.

Homework Expectations

Reading and Spelling

Children should read at home every night. This may be any age appropriate reading matter; for example, their library book, a book sent home to develop reading skills or sharing an old familiar book. Most of all, we want children to be sharing books with their family, discussing what they have read and developing a life-long love of reading. We ask that all reading is recorded in their home reading record. This will be checked weekly by the teacher.

Children should practise any spellings which may be sent home or any additional work to support their sight vocabulary of common words.

Maths

We expect children to practise their tables. Guidance and ideas will be sent out at the beginning of every year to support parents with this.

Maths is all around us and whilst we do not set any formal maths homework, we ask that you use opportunities to show and practise how we use maths in everyday life. Examples include

measuring in cooking, using their mental maths skills when out shopping and especially practising telling the time.

Additional Optional Home Learning Opportunities

We believe that your time spent at home with your children should be fun, enjoyable and encourage a love of learning. As such the school will provide, every half term, suggestions for optional activities which will support the children's enjoyment and learning of the current topics in school. These activities can be shared with the teachers, and we would love to know and see what the children have enjoyed and completed or even spent time debating! You will be able share what you and your child have been doing with the teacher on Class Dojo.

Year 6

We recognise that we have a duty to prepare the children for expectations of additional homework at high school. As such a weekly additional piece of homework will be given in the spring term to support the work in class and in the latter part of Year 6 the teachers will work on a home learning project where skills of time management and breaking longer tasks down into manageable chunks will be taught.

Review

We will discuss the homework statement on an annual basis and ask for the input of parents and children through questionnaires and the Class and School Councils.