



at Heatherside Junior School

Year 4

We believe that homework provides an essential link between school and home, enabling parents to take an active role in their children's learning. The setting of homework helps children to develop independent study skills, taking responsibility for their work and managing their time effectively in readiness for challenges of the next stage of their learning.

- We want to prioritise the importance and enjoyment of Reading at home and all children are expected to read to an adult three times per week and for an adult to sign their Reading Diary.
- Homework is set on Thursdays and is due in by the following Thursday.
- All tasks are set on DB Primary, this will also say whether the work can be typed or whether it should be handwritten.
- Children will be given a Homework Book for Maths and one for English/Topic; most homework will be completed in this book which comes to and from school/home.
- If a homework activity is one that needs to be uploaded (e.g. a video etc) this will then go straight onto DB Primary and the Task Tile will be set to enable this.
- Children may also be asked to collect items to bring into school or sometimes complete an extended project over two weeks. We occasionally set a Whole School Homework too!
- All maths work is to be completed in pencil. All other work* should be done in blue pen, using either a fountain pen, rollerball or pen with free-flowing ink. Biros must not be used. (* Year 4 will complete theirs in pencil until they have received their Pen Licence.)
- All children are expected to complete/hand their work in on time and to a standard in line with their ability. A Stamp may be awarded for exceptional effort or standard of work. Stickers, positive comments, Star Certificates and House Points will also be used to recognise the children's efforts.
- Teachers and Learning Support staff will help explain homework to any child who is experiencing difficulty and parents are also encouraged to contact the school if they are unsure about the task so we can support you in this. Children can also voluntarily go to Friday Homework Club for some help or to get started before the weekend.
- If a child is not completing homework or is handing it in persistently late, we will contact parents to discuss this and the work will be completed at Homework Club on Friday lunchtime on the week it was due in. Children may also be asked to re-do work if it has been rushed and does not appropriately reflect the standard they are capable of.
- Maths/English/Topic Homework is expected to take approximately 45 minutes/1 hour for Year 4. If it is taking significantly longer, please let the teacher know.
- Spelling will be taught in class, although some word/vocabulary lists may be sent home as part of homework.

Term	Reading Homework	Homework Thurs/Thurs	Every week
Autumn Term	Reading three times a week to an adult and completing the Reading Diary	English/Maths/Topic	Learn and Practise Times Tables TTRS
Spring Term	Reading three times a week to an adult and completing the Reading Diary	English/Maths/Topic	Learn and Practise Times Tables TTRS
Summer Term	Reading three times a week to an adult and completing the Reading Diary	English/Maths/Topic	Learn and Practise Times Tables