



Speen CofE School Homework Policy

At Speen CofE School we define homework is anything children do outside the normal school day that contributes to their learning, in response to guidance from the school. Homework encompasses a whole variety of activities instigated by teachers and parents/carers to support the children's learning. For example, parents or carers who spend time reading stories to their children before bedtime are helping with homework. Our school culture has a strong commitment to parental involvement, and we see homework as one way of developing this partnership.

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of homework at Speen School are:

- To consolidate and reinforce the learning done in school to allow children to practice skills taught in lessons
- To help children develop the skills of an independent learner working on tasks alone and supported by an adult
- To help children rehearse key facts such as spelling patterns
- To promote cooperation between home and school in supporting each child's learning
- To give parents an overview of what children are learning in class
- To enable some aspects of the curriculum to be further explored independently
- To help children develop good work habits for the future

Homework at Speen School

Expectations for each year group:	
Reception	Reading books set by school based on the chosen phonics scheme. Sharing stories with their parents from the books chosen during library time.
Year 1	<p>Reading Reading set books that support our phonics scheme. Sharing books from the school library with their parents/carers).</p> <p>Spellings Each week the children will have spelling words to learn.</p> <p>Maths Maths homework will be set weekly to support the work completed in class.</p>
Year 2	<p>Reading Reading set books from the Pearson Scheme. Sharing a book from the school library with their parents/carers)</p> <p>Spellings</p>

	<p>Each week the children will have a number of spelling words to learn. The children will then select spelling words to write in a sentence.</p> <p>Maths</p> <p>Maths homework will be set weekly to support the work completed in class.</p>
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Optional Homework

For parents / children wishing to do optional homework, they will have access to a homework grid. For each half term there will be eight activities that support topic, science and RE work.

In addition to the homework grid, the children will have access to online programmes such as RMEasimaths and Letterjoin which will help them consolidate key skills.

Special Educational Needs

Specific tasks may be set for children with Special Educational Needs. These will be set and monitored by the class teacher.

Each class teacher is responsible for ensuring that the demands of homework are manageable for pupils, parents and carers. This would, for example, be particularly important when tasks require children to research information and also takes account of children who are involved in out of school activities such as beavers or brownies.

Monitoring and Review

The staff review the policy using comments received from our annual parental questionnaires to improve homework practices for our children ensuring it contributes to attainment and progress.