



Policy for Homework Columbia Primary School

At Columbia we believe children need the opportunity to rest and play after a hard day's work at school.

We also believe that a small amount of homework can benefit children. We believe homework should:

- support the work children do in school;
- give children the opportunity to practise their learning;
- encourage children to work independently;
- be fun; and
- be easy to organise.

The following describes our approach to homework.

For all children:

Each half term:

- On the half termly knowledge organiser, there is the key learning for the following half term. Parents can use this to support their children's learning during the term.

Every two or three weeks:

- Parents receive a text map relating to the text type children are learning about in English.

Each week:

- Children receive phonics or spelling homework.
- Children receive handwriting homework.

Every day

- In reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 children bring home a phonically controlled 'book bag' book which is new to them and a phonically controlled book they have already read.
- In years 3 - 6, children bring home an Accelerated Reader book which is matched to the reading level.
- Children can also bring home books from the school library.
- Children should read every night.

In all year groups, other homework will be given by teachers occasionally, when it supports the work children are doing in school.

Homework is regularly checked by teachers. Feedback is given to children either verbally or through marking.

For children in Yrs 5 and 6

We set more homework for children in Yrs 5 and 6 to help prepare them for secondary school and to practise what they have learnt in school.

In addition to the homework given to all children across the school:

- Yr 5 receive weekly maths homework; and
- Yr 6 receive weekly maths and grammar homework.

When children first receive homework we will support them to bring it in on time by giving them regular reminders and talking to their parents. If children continue to forget their homework or do not do it, they will miss some golden time or play time in order to catch up on the missed homework.

Parents can support their children by making sure they have time to complete their homework, providing a quiet space so they can concentrate, checking it is done and reminding them to bring it into school on the correct day.

Signed and dated on Governor Hub.

Approved in October 2023 by the Curriculum and General Purposes Committee on behalf of the Governing Body of Columbia School.

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