

Homework Policy

The Department for Education requires all schools to have a written homework policy that gives guidance to both teachers and parents about what is expected of them on a weekly basis. Homework is defined as 'any work or activities which pupils are asked to do outside lesson time, either on their own or with parents'.

At Stoke Fleming we believe the purpose of homework is to:

- a) To develop a partnership between the school and parents in pursuing the aims of the school
- b) To consolidate and reinforce skills gained in all areas of the curriculum particularly Literacy and Numeracy
- c) To encourage pupils as they grow older to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study on their own prior to transferring to secondary school and beyond.

With this in mind we feel it is paramount that a happy medium is struck between pupils having the time at home to relax and pursue their own interests whilst continuing to embed and apply the valuable academic skills they have learned at school.

Below is a list of the activities we would expect to be undertaken in a typical week:

YR	Reading and handwriting activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please hear your child read regularly for short periods of time. i.e. 10 minutes.
Y1	Reading and phonic work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please read to your child as often as possible.
Y2	Reading, spelling and numeracy work (including times tables)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception and Year 1 children will be asked to find words using letter patterns. • Y1 and Y2 children will have spellings to learn each week. • Year 2 children will also be asked to learn 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
Y3	Reading, spelling and numeracy work (including times tables)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A weekly spelling list which will be tested will be sent out.
Y4&5	Reading including book reviews. Spelling and comprehension. Mathematical operations (including times tables). Enquiry skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure your child reads regularly for approximately: 30 minutes per week – Years 3 and 4. 40 minutes per week – Years 5 and 6. • Year 3 children will also be asked to learn 3,4 and 8 times tables
Y6	In addition to the Y4&5 expectations there may be more targeted homework based on pupil's needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 children will also be asked to learn 6,7,9,11 and 12 times tables

If the children would like to complete their own research projects, diaries, journals or anything else at home we would of course welcome these and will enjoy sharing them with the rest of the class.

These activities are specifically designed to be flexible so if children attend evening classes for music, dancing, gymnastics etc., or attend Cubs or Brownies, there is no need to complete rigorous tasks on these evenings. Spending time as a family playing games and having fun together is essential. We do not this time to be eroded away by everyone being too busy!

Your class teacher will inform you of the specific tasks you can complete in a letter at the start of the year and we also have a section on the school website where pupils can access websites and games designed to further enhance what they are learning. This will also help parent as a point of reference.