

Homework Policy



Burwell Village College Primary

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The purpose of homework

- It helps to foster good habits of self-organisation, independence and self-discipline.
- It provides further opportunities for repeated rehearsal of basic skills and knowledge.
- It informs parents about what their child is currently learning and what they need to practise.
- It prepares children for their transition to the next stage of their education.

Homework at Burwell VC Primary School

At Burwell Primary School, we believe that homework plays an important role in complementing and enhancing the pupils' learning in school, increasing their fluency and comprehension in reading and their speed of recall of key number facts. Homework activities may be linked to the in-class learning where the teacher deems necessary.

We recognise that every family's circumstances, and their capacity to support their children's learning at home, are very different. Therefore, homework given by the teachers at Burwell Primary will be largely based around practice of skills and knowledge taught in class that pupils are able to access increasingly independently as they move through the school. Parental involvement should be of a supportive nature and should not require intensive 'teaching' of new concepts.

If a child fails to complete and return tasks, they will spend 10mins per week completing it at lunchtime from Y1-Y6. This will be supervised by a teacher. We will prioritise the reading task during this time as we consider this to be most important. Practice and consolidation- are key to the pupils' progress and confidence in school.

Homework Activities

Children are expected to read daily. They will complete weekly maths and phonics practise and a maths activity linked to the current topic. Homework will be a mixture of online and offline activities, a broad outline and examples of which are given in the tables below.

EYFS

Subject	Suggested time	Activity
Reading	10 mins/day	Read appropriately levelled book, either in hard copy or on the Bug Club online platform.
Phonics	5 mins/day	Practise learned sounds and words
Maths	5 mins/day	Practise counting, recognising shapes, etc.

KS1 (Years 1 and 2)

Subject	Suggested time	Activity
Reading	10 mins/day	Read an appropriately levelled book, either in hard copy or on the Bug Club online platform.
Phonics	5 mins/day	Practise the common exception/irregular words linked to the sound of the week (5 mins per day)
Maths	10 mins/week	Numbots (Y1) TT Rockstars (Y2)
	10 mins/week	Topic worksheet (paper-based)

LKS2 (Years 3 and 4)

Subject	Suggested time	Activity
Reading	10 mins/day	Read an appropriately levelled book, either in hard copy or on the Bug Club online platform.
Maths	10 mins/week	Maths Whizz activities
	10 mins/week	Topic based activity Maths Whizz (teacher set)
	10 mins/week	Times tables (paper based)

UKS2 (Years 5 and 6)

Subject	Suggested time	Activity
Reading	10 mins/day	Read an appropriately levelled book, either in hard copy or on the Bug Club online platform.
Maths	10 mins/week	Maths Whizz
	10 mins*2/week	TT Rockstars (if needed based on multiplication check in Y4)
	10 mins/week	Topic based activity Maths Whizz (teacher set)
	10 mins/week	Topic based activity worksheet (paper-based)

Homework will be set on Friday and returned on Thursday. Homework that is not returned will be completed during lunchtime for 10mins. This will be overseen by a teacher. Reading will be prioritised during this time.

In the few weeks prior to SAT tests, the Year 6 children may be given past SATs papers to support them with their revision.

Optional Extras

For parents who have more time to spend with their children or feel that their children need extra practice, below are some suggestions:

- Read to your child- a book with rich vocabulary that your child would be unable to read themselves.
- BBC Bitesize- a wide range of online lesson, videos, worksheets and activity ideas for every year group.
- Cookery- following instructions, using different units of measure, etc.
- Test your child on their number bonds to ten and/or their timetables.
- Google search your child's year group and the subject/topic. E.g. Year 1 addition

Our maths, reading and writing curriculum are on the school website should you wish to be more specific and targeted in the extra practice and support you give to your child.

Role of the Class Teacher

- To provide an explanation of homework tasks on dojo
- To set up regular homework in an easily followed routine.
- To ensure that homework is set consistently across classes in the year group.
- To ensure any homework is purposeful and supports pupil progress.
- To reward and praise children who complete homework tasks. All homework must be acknowledged when received.

Role of the Head teacher and Governing Body

- To check compliance of the policy.
- To meet and talk with parents when appropriate.
- To discuss with staff how the policy is being successfully implemented.

Role of Parents/Carers

- To support the school by ensuring that their child completes the homework.
- To provide a suitable place for their child to carry out their homework.
- To encourage and praise their child when they have completed their homework.
- To make it clear that they value homework and they support the school by explaining how it can help learning.

General

- Specific additional tasks may be given to specific children to support learning plans. This will be discussed with parents.
- If a child is absent for a length of time, the teacher and the parent will agree what should be done, how it should be marked and what sort of help will need to be given. **In such circumstances the parent/carer should consult the class teacher first.**
- If parents take their child out of school in term time, something we strongly discourage, work will only be provided under specific circumstances and may not be marked by the class teacher. **In such circumstances the parent/carer should consult the Headteacher first.**
- Parents/Carers who have queries about homework should not hesitate to make an appointment to see their child's class teacher.