



Hutton Henry CE Primary Homework Policy

We believe homework consolidates and reinforces skills and understanding in numeracy, literacy and other curriculum areas, helps raise the level of achievement of individual pupils, provides opportunities for parents and children to work together and, thereby, fostering an effective partnership between home and school.

We value the support of parents/carers and we believe that this policy will be successful if there is a strong partnership between home and school which is reflected in the Home-School Agreement.

We recognise that all children need leisure time and hope that our policy reflects a balance so children can extend and consolidate their learning with parental support while still allowing ‘down time.’

A breakdown of how homework is structured is provided below. Children will receive a combination of this homework over the course of a term. It has been designed to encourage a gradual progression of skills and expectation so by the time children reach Year 6 they have established a clear routine in preparation for comprehensive school. Most of the homework is provided for completion over the course of a week, fortnight or term so it can be made to fit around family lifestyles and commitments. Other homework e.g. reading, multiplication tables, spellings are proven to be better when completed in shorter daily sessions. We encourage the children to ‘read for pleasure’ across a variety of genre and not to be restricted to the levelled reading book that is provided by school. We ask that any reading done at home is recorded in the child’s reading record.

Reception	Reading Sound books Target books Finding out Numeracy Open Homework
Years 1 and 2	Target Books – spellings and maths targets Mathletics accessed via a computer Reading – school reading book/library book and other sources Open Homework
Years 3, 4 and 5	Target Books – spellings and maths targets Weekly spelling patterns Maths linked to the week’s objectives Mathletics accessed via a computer Reading – school reading book/library book and other sources Open Homework
Year 6	Target Books – spellings and maths targets Weekly spelling patterns Maths linked to the week’s objectives Mathletics accessed via a computer Reading – school reading book/library book and other sources Open Homework Additional work in preparation for SATs in May.

Open Homework

To support curriculum changes and in line with our approach to teaching thinking skills, we are developing an 'Open Homework' task, initially one per term. They will simply be given a project title based on the term's topic but this can take the form of **whatever they choose**. At the end of the term, they will be asked to bring in their completed project so that they can share it with the rest of the class.

Beyond an inspirational word, idea or object the children will be given absolutely **no guidance whatsoever**. The answer to any question about what to do or how to do it should be, "**You can decide.**"

Initially the children may find this difficult, as they are used to having clear guidelines and expectations, but by removing the boundaries, we will remove the limits and the results can be exceptional.

Parental involvement is not discouraged, as it is a useful opportunity for discussion and 'doing something together'. However, children should be encouraged to follow their own ideas and interests – this is time for them to explore in the direction they choose to go in!