

Year 6 – Homework Information

Homework Days

Thursday

Homework issued and due in the following Tuesday.

Generally, there will be three pieces of written homework:

- Writing
- Reading
- Maths

Spellings will also be issued on the same day and tested on the day homework is due in.

General Information

Reading

We ask that Year 6 children read at least three times a week. Older children may read independently, but parents can be involved by asking about the book, who the characters are, whether your child is enjoying it etc. As a rough guide, children in Year Six should read for at least 15 minutes.

School reading books are not sent home during the summer holiday as this is the time teachers carry out an audit of the stock, check for quality and discard old and tatty books. However, we strongly recommend that children continue to read during the holidays and encourage them to join the local library. Children can broaden their experience by reading a whole range of other reading materials, e.g. non-fiction books, recipes, magazines, TV listings, computer programs, signs, instructions for games, captions etc., so they begin to understand that reading is an important and necessary skill in everyday life.

The Pearson online Bug Club reading materials are available to those parents who choose to use it; this provides an online version of the paper reading book and contains accompanying questions regarding the text.

Other tasks

The type of homework, the frequency and time it takes to complete will vary depending on the task and the age of the child. No single activity, in addition to reading, spellings and tables should take longer than 30 minutes in Year 6. Some work, such as spellings and multiplication tables, are best learnt by practising them 'little and often' for a few minutes each night. It is envisaged that children will take increasing responsibility for completing their work independently as they progress through the school. Generally, children will not be expected to finish off class work at home although there may be occasions where this is necessary in order to move the pace of learning along.

Below is a guide to the variety of homework tasks which may be given to children in Year 6. Some are regular, weekly tasks but others will only be given occasionally, depending on the demands of the curriculum. Additional homework tasks may be given to individuals to support them with their learning and progress.

- Reading and discussing a book with an adult
- Weekly spellings

All children should regularly practise their times table and related mental maths. Some children will have a personal times tables target on which they will be tested regularly, often every two weeks. Children also have a list of the year 3 /4 curriculum words upon which they have been assessed. Those highlighted are the ones the children do not yet know. These lists are in the back of the children's homework books.

Children will be tested regularly on the spellings they do not yet know. This individual spelling record will be updated as children are able to spell the words they are finding challenging.