



# Parent Pocket Guide

## Homework



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## Our Homework Programme

Our homework programme aims to help children develop the skills and attitudes they will need for successful lifelong learning, as well as reinforcing their learning within the class setting. It supports the development of independent learning skills and provides parents with an opportunity to take part in their child's education. This should be an enjoyable experience for both adult and child!

Here at Monkshouse Primary School, homework will consist of a variety of activities across the curriculum and these are an important part of the home/school partnership. More detailed information concerning the content of the homework will be provided by your child's class teacher on a weekly basis, but below is an estimated time guide for each Year group, as recommended by the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

(See [www.dcsf.gov.uk](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk) for further details)

**Reception : 10 minutes daily**

**Year 1 & 2 : 1 hour spread throughout the week**

**Year 3 & 4 : 1 hour and 15 minutes spread throughout the week**

**Year 5 & 6 : 2 - 2 ½ hours spread throughout the week**

By not setting homework during the school holidays we aim to give the children a complete rest from school and chance to relax and enjoy their time at home. It is however anticipated that the children will continue to enjoy reading.

Homework will not be set when pupils are ill for a prolonged period of time unless requested by the parents.

## **How do staff support our Homework Policy?**

- By setting tasks that are appropriate for the ability of the children and ensuring that the children have a clear understanding of the tasks set for them.
- By marking written homework and giving feedback to pupils in a variety of ways.
- By celebrating homework completed to a good standard using the school reward systems.
- By providing a homework book and reading record for homework to be completed in which will travel between home and school in book-bags provided.
- By liaising with parents as/when necessary.
- By offering parents' workshops in core subjects, where they will be able to learn more about the skills and strategies taught in school particularly in Literacy and Numeracy.

## **How can parents support their child with their homework?**

- By providing encouragement and support as, and when, they feel it is necessary.
- By providing a positive attitude towards homework and valuing its importance.
- By trying to provide somewhere peaceful to work, discussing when would be the best time to do homework and how long it should take.
- By signing the reading record and providing any useful feedback to the class teacher.

We very much hope that a partnership between home and school can be promoted in support of children's learning and that homework will provide a context for pupil/parent interaction and the enjoyment of learning experiences and working together.

## **Have Fun!**

If you have any concerns or questions about the weekly homework, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to your child's class teacher about it.