



Policy for Home Learning

Our Core Values

At Hudson Road Primary School our **core values** underpin our culture and behaviours: principles of respect, high expectations, understanding of rights and responsibilities and a sense of belonging and purpose.

Objectives

- ✓ To use homework effectively and appropriately to support learning and to ensure that each pupil achieves their best at school.
- ✓ To ensure that parents/carers have an opportunity to take an active role in supporting their child's learning.

Early years

- ✓ In Nursery and Reception there are a variety of story bags for families to take home with games, activities, books to share.
- ✓ In Reception, reading books are taken home weekly. Books are matched to our phonics programme.
- ✓ In Reception, homework books are sent home on Friday to be returned for Wednesday. The book shares information on 5 activities that the children have done at school that week as well as relevant phonics and maths work to complete at home.
- ✓ Parent workshops and drop-in sessions ensure that parents/carers feel confident helping their child at home.

Key Stage 1

- ✓ Home readers are taken home and returned as often as the child wants to, preferably daily. There are rewards for regular readers.
- ✓ Children with longer reads are also encouraged to bring books back regularly to talk about their progress.
- ✓ KS1 homework is sent home weekly and is a relevant phonics or reading task and a maths activity that follows on from classwork.
- ✓ Focused parent workshops and drop-in sessions ensure that parents feel confident helping their child at home.

Key Stage 2

Y3/4

- ✓ Home reading books are returned and changed daily in Y3 and at least 3 times a week in Y4. There are rewards for regular readers.
- ✓ Homework is sent home on a Friday for return by Wednesday.
- ✓ Homework is based on weekly spelling patterns, high frequency word lists, English or maths as a follow up to classwork.
- ✓ We want parents and carers to feel confident helping their child at home so staff are always available to give help or support.

Key Stage 2

Y5/6

- ✓ Pupils have a homework folder and homework book.
- ✓ Homework is set on a Friday for return by Wednesday morning at the latest. (It is marked in class on Friday.)
- ✓ Homework always includes reading and maths work and there could also be topic or extension work. Tasks are set as a follow up to classwork and therefore should be easily completed without the need for help.
- ✓ There is additional homework as part of Y6 Extended day classes, to be returned to the teacher leading the session by an agreed time.
- ✓ Pupils are encouraged to read for pleasure and keep a record of books read. There are rewards for regular readers.
- ✓ Time is made available for some pupils to complete homework at school (for example at lunchtime) depending on home circumstances.
- ✓ Missed homework is completed under supervision during lunchtime on Wednesday.
- ✓ Focused parent workshops (e.g. preparing for SATs) and one to one support sessions, as appropriate, ensure that parents feel confident helping their child at home.