

	SLINGSBY SCHOOL Homework Policy	Date for Review February 2023
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The policy of Slingsby C P School is that homework should be to support key skills and should not be overwhelming.

Staff believe it is important that children have time to participate in out of school activities but also have chance to practise key skills at home so parents are familiar with what is expected of children of their age.

We expect the children to work very hard during the school, and they do! By implementing homework which is less overwhelming, we hope that our children will engage in extracurricular activities out of school and also enjoy precious time with their families.

Reading is a key life skill and this is the most important activity you can do with your child, no matter what age.

Children would not be expected to spend an excessive amount of time completing homework. In addition, the homework will be set over a period of time so it can be done at a time suitable for your family. We do not punish children who do not complete homework, but we strongly encourage the children to do it. Homework is marked or read by the class staff, depending on the task set.

Regular homework tasks are communicated to the children and parents via the Termly Curriculum Map, which is sent home. In cases of home/remote learning, work is communicated via the Home Learning tab on our website or Class Dojo.

Homework will usually be given as follows:-

All the children are encouraged to read to an adult at home every day, and a variety of books and magazines are a great way to enthuse your child with the love of reading. It is fine to explore texts other than the school reading book, as all/any reading is great; but remember, levelled school books are allocated for a purpose.

Reception

Reading and phonic books will be put in bags weekly. Children will also be given the tricky word bookmarks when ready. Weekend books are handed out on a Friday with a view to them returning to school on the following Wednesday, allowing the children to share their family news. In times of school closure/ home learning, homework and weekend news will be communicated online using the Home Learning tab on the website and Class Dojo.

Year 1-6

As a general rule, spellings and times tables are handed out on a weekly basis for Years 1-6 with a test to follow the next week. We strongly encourage every child practises their targeted x tables and – in KS2 – the corresponding division facts each week.

Occasionally, staff may ask the older children to work on a small project connected to a particular theme.