

Homework Expectations for Year 6

Why homework?

As we prepare our year six children for college and life beyond Primary School, it is important that we encourage independence, with an opportunity to practice key skills that they cannot always practice, as regularly, in class. With that in mind, please see below the homework expectations, which children will be expected to manage themselves. Parents are encouraged to show an interest and engage with the variety of activities, but children need to be able to manage their own homework timetable.

When will homework go out?

Homework is on a rolling programme, from week to week, but anything new will go out on a Thursday. Books will be checked the following Thursday, so it is **imperative that children have their homework books in school every Thursday**.

What are the WAKA Challenges and how many do we have to do?

The WAKA Challenges are a series of activities, related to the school values, a number of which need to be carried out throughout the year.

A minimum of 4 challenges are to be completed by Week 2, Term 4. (1 challenge from each value)

2 of these challenges will relate or link to school learning but must be completed at home -they are indicated by the **(S)**

2 of these challenges are to be initiated at home (from the remaining values)

The challenges need to be recorded (be creative!)

If a child goes above and beyond the expected four challenges, they will be eligible to receive a rosette and/or certificate at the end of the school year.

What about Math?

At the beginning of the year, children completed a basic facts math test. To help practice those basic facts, your child will have a target times table that they are working on. Also, there is a website called StudyLadder (your child will have the log-in details) which helps practice all different areas of Math. There is also a statistics task, which is optional, for your child to complete (see separate sheet). **It is expected that children spend 10 minutes per night on Math tasks.**

What about reading?

Your child will have a reading book. This may be a book that they have at home, or one that they have brought home from school (from the school or classroom library). **It is expected that children read for 10 minutes per day (at least) and record their results in their Reading Log.**

And spelling?

Just like last year, children will be continuing with their STEPS accounts - their log-in details should be the same. **It is expected that children spend at least 10 minutes on spelling a night.**

This seems like a lot, every night - how can my child manage this when they have sport and other activities?

We believe that children should have an active life outside of school and certainly wouldn't advocate the above outline for every child every night.

The beauty of this homework programme is that, over a week, children should complete a total of 50 minutes of each area (reading, math, spelling) but when they choose to do that is their decision. So, for example, they might want to do more on nights without activities, and less when they have things on. This independence will help them crucially when they have greater demands made on them for College and beyond. Homework will be monitored by teachers and verbal feedback given.