

The Bellbird Primary School



Homework Policy

May 2023

(To be reviewed May 2025)

We believe homework may support and consolidate school-based learning and that it encourages other skills such as research, collaborative decision-making and organisational skills. It also supports a positive home school relationship and reminds both home and school of the importance of collaboration to support every child in 'soaring to success'.

Whilst we value the use of homework at primary age development, it is important that children also experience outside activities, rest and play.

Aims: This Policy aims to ensure that:

- Parents and carers are treated as partners in their children's learning.
- There is a consistent approach throughout the school so that everyone: teachers, children and parents or carers knows what to expect.
- Children and parents or carers are clear about what they need to do.
- There is a progression towards independence and individual responsibility.
- Tasks are planned to consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding across all areas of the curriculum.
- Appropriate monitoring and evaluation takes place to support learning.
- The needs of the individual pupils are taken into account.

Implementation

- Children from Foundation Stage to Year 6 have regular homework.
- Children will receive weekly homework starting in the first full week of each half term until the penultimate week.
- Year 6 children may receive some homework to be completed over holiday periods.

Foundation Stage

Subject	How often?
Reading/learning phonemes	Daily (to start during the first half term of the year)
All curriculum areas	Menu with options to choose from over each half term

Y1 - 6

Subject	How often?
Reading	Daily
Spellings plus spotlight words	Practise weekly
Maths	Weekly Mathematics tasks

All curriculum areas	Menu with options to choose from over each half term
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As well as Mathematics, children have access to 2 other platforms for further home study:

Times Tables Rock Star – maths
Purple Mash – all curriculum areas

Year 6 may also be given an additional maths and English task each week to further embed their classroom based learning.

- Homework menus will be available on the website at the beginning of each term along with the termly topic web. These will also be emailed out to parents via schoolcomms.
- Homework is not compulsory but we strongly believe that it provides a great opportunity for parents and children to engage purposefully together in learning.

The Role of the Parents/Carers

- It is important to work in partnership with parents/carers and several studies show that children achieve more if their parents/carers are involved in their education.
- We feel it is important that parents/carers foster an environment at home where children can work successfully at a time that is appropriate for them.
- Completing homework task, in particular reading, spelling and maths tasks can support children in accessing the curriculum at school and help them to feel secure in their understanding.

Special Educational Needs

The purposes of homework as described previously in the Policy apply equally to all children. There may be occasions, however, when some children would benefit from tasks separate from the homework set for other children. Priority should be given to setting tasks appropriate to the needs of the children and to achieve this there should be close co-ordination between class teacher and parents. This would be discussed on a needs basis.

Monitoring

- On a day-to-day basis it is the responsibility of the class teacher to ensure that appropriate homework is set and completed and that all children have equal access to the homework set.