

THE ROCHE SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY

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The Roche School Homework Policy is founded on the basis that there should always be a healthy balance for children between work and play. We believe that there must always be a purpose in setting a piece of work but that there is value in children sharing their learning with their parents or carers at home. We seek to encourage independence in work, with guidance offered by a parent/carer where required.

Approach

Children in Reception will bring phonic exercises and reading books home to share with their parents, or they may have a few words to practise at home during the Autumn Term. From the Spring Term, homework is phased in gently to encourage the development of independent study skills, and to embed what children have learned at school. In Year 1, children typically start to complete regular homework and this continues up the school.

Times Tables

Children from Year 1 will bring home times tables exercises to share with their parents. We encourage all parents to practise mental arithmetic and calculation at home and set out below our expectation and guidance for times tables in each year group.

Year 1: by the end of the year children should be confident in their 2 and 10 times tables

Year 2: by the end of the year children should be confident in their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables

Year 3: by the end of the year children should be confident in their 2,3,4,5,6,10 and 11 times tables

Year 4: by the end of the year children should be confident in their 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, 11 and 12 times tables

Year 5-6: throughout the year children should practise all multiplication tables, recall square numbers, prime numbers and factors/multiples of a number

Planning and Ability

Homework is carefully planned and set according to ability and year group. It should be an extension of their learning at school and never a struggle. Staff will carefully explain each homework task to the class, therefore if children find either the concept of the task too difficult to manage or the content too challenging, parents are urged to return the homework to the teacher the next day with a note of explanation. Children should be able to complete the homework exercise independently apart from when the task is practical.

Review

This policy is part of our whole-school development policy for raising standards. Every member of the teaching staff has been involved in reviewing this policy and all staff will be involved in the regular and annual review of the policy. We value and encourage feedback from parents and children and are committed to ensuring that homework continues to be an extension of learning at school.

Homework Content

We have set out below a homework framework for each year. If you require further detail and explanation, please see your class teacher for the specific breakdown of each task and activity.

<p style="text-align: center;">Reception</p>	<p><u>Daily</u></p> <p>Autumn Term: 10 minutes phonics/reading every night.</p> <p><u>Weekly</u></p> <p>Spring Term & Summer Term: 1 piece of Literacy & 1 piece of Maths (20 minutes total)</p> <p><u>Holiday Homework</u></p> <p>Reading, holiday diary and small holiday pack.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Year 1</p>	<p><u>Daily</u></p> <p>10-15 minutes reading every night.</p> <p><u>Weekly</u></p> <p>Spelling List</p> <p>Times Tables</p> <p>1 piece of Literacy (10 minutes)</p> <p>1 piece of Maths (10 minutes)</p> <p><u>Holiday Homework</u></p> <p>Reading, holiday diary and small holiday pack.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Year 2</p>	<p><u>Daily</u></p> <p>10-20 minutes reading every night.</p> <p><u>Weekly</u></p> <p>Spelling List</p> <p>Times Tables</p> <p>1 Literacy activity (grammar & vocabulary) (10 minutes)</p> <p>2 Maths activities (10 minutes each)</p> <p><u>Holiday Homework</u></p> <p>Reading and a holiday pack.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Year 3</p>	<p><u>Daily</u></p> <p>20 minutes reading every night (with a linked activity each week).</p> <p><u>Weekly</u></p> <p>Spelling List</p> <p>Times Tables</p> <p>1 Mental Maths activity (10-15 minutes)</p> <p>1 Literacy activity (20 minutes)</p> <p>1 Maths activity (20 minutes)</p> <p>Topic linked activity (2 weekends to complete)</p> <p><u>Holiday Homework</u></p> <p>Reading and times tables revision.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Year 4</p>	<p><u>Daily</u></p> <p>20 minutes reading every night</p> <p><u>Weekly</u></p> <p>Spelling List</p> <p>Times Tables</p> <p>2 Maths activities (20 minutes each)</p> <p>1 Literacy activity (20 minutes)</p> <p>1 Topic activity (20 minutes)</p> <p><u>Holiday Homework</u></p> <p>Reading and suggested linked activities</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Year 5</p>	<p><u>Daily</u></p> <p>30 minutes reading every night</p> <p><u>Weekly</u></p> <p>Spelling List</p> <p>Times Tables</p> <p>2 Maths activities</p> <p>2 Literacy activities</p> <p>1 Reasoning activity</p>

	<p>1 Topic activity (due following week)</p> <p><u>Holiday Homework</u></p> <p>Reading and suggested linked activities. Summer workbook before Year 6.</p>
<p>Year 6**</p>	<p><u>Daily</u></p> <p>30 minutes reading every night</p> <p><u>Weekly</u></p> <p>Spelling List</p> <p>Times Tables</p> <p>2 Maths activities (20 minutes each)</p> <p>2 Literacy activities (20 minutes each)</p> <p>1 Verbal Reasoning activity (30 minutes)</p> <p>1 Non-Verbal Reasoning activity (30 minutes)</p> <p>Current Affairs – children watch the news and read newspapers</p> <p>1 Maths weekend activity (60 minutes)</p> <p>1 Literacy weekend activity (60 minutes)</p> <p>In addition in the Spring Term</p> <p>1 Science activity (30 minutes)</p> <p>1 French activity (30 minutes)</p>
<p>Year 6**</p> <p>In the Autumn Term of Year 6, children are prepared for the 11+ entrance examination therefore, the homework activities given may vary accordingly. During October Half Term children are given 2-3 practise examination papers in English and Maths. In the Summer holidays before Year 6 begins, children are given Summer workbooks to complete. In addition to formal homework set, children are encouraged to read as much as possible and practise their timetables throughout the year.</p>	