

Wentworth Primary School
Homework Policy

Proposed review date September 2017

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Homework activities enable pupils to extend and enrich their learning beyond the class. At Wentworth, we endeavour to provide strategies to support independent learning at home that are sensitive to learners' home environment, language, culture and literacy ability. Learners differing abilities and learning styles are also taken into account.

Mastery Homework will give pupils the opportunity to use their imagination, develop their curiosity about the world around them and to apply their Maths and English skills to find out more about something which interests them. Each half term, pupils will be given a focus topic. They will then have about 4 weeks to research their ideas, prepare resources and will give a short presentation about their findings to the rest of the class.

Aims

- To develop a partnership between school and carers in striving for high standards of achievement.
- To consolidate and reinforce skills.
- To develop confidence and discipline needed for individual study, particularly in Year 6 as preparation for Key Stage 3.
- To encourage use of resources for learning at home.

Objectives

- To encourage reading for pleasure
- To read with/to parents.
- To consolidate numeracy and literacy skills.
- To encourage research using different media.

Content and Time

Key Stage 1 (approximately 10-15 minutes daily)

- Foundation ~ sharing/reading books and word games.
- Year 1 ~ sharing/reading books, learning spellings.
- Year 2 ~ sharing/reading books, learning spellings.
- Mastery homework - focus task.

Key Stage 2

- Year 3 & 4 ~ sharing/reading books, learning spellings and tables.
- Year 5 ~ sharing/reading books, learning spellings and tables plus one structured literacy and one structured maths task.
- Year 6 ~ sharing/reading books, learning spellings plus two structured tasks which are maths or literacy or occasionally science based.
- Mastery homework - focus task.

Homework Planning

- Homework tasks will be flexible and differentiated to reflect the needs of individual pupils.
- Reasonable time will be given for the completion of structured tasks.
- Feedback on tasks will be given in a variety of ways, including class discussion and pupil review and presentations for the Mastery homework.

Parents' role in supporting their children

Parents are encouraged to:

- Provide a quiet, suitable place for children to complete tasks.
- Show enthusiasm and value for the school's aims for homework.
- Encourage and praise children when tasks are completed.
- Use the homelink book to comment on homework as appropriate.