



# ST WENN SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

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**General policy statement:**

All staff, governors, volunteer helpers, students and visitors need to give due regard to all of the policies and practices adopted by the school. All staff carry responsibility for the welfare and success of the children in our school. Staff will advise anyone who is working alongside us

**Homework Policy 2020****The Purpose of the policy**

The purpose of this policy is to make explicit what is expected of both teachers and pupils regarding weekly homework activities. All members of staff are expected to be familiar with the policy and to apply it consistently.

**The need for a homework policy**

Homework is an essential element of children's primary school education - extending and reinforcing the learning that has taken place at school. It also helps to prepare children to become independent learners and manage their own time effectively in preparation for secondary school and life beyond.

**When is homework set?** All year groups are set new homework on a set day and allow at least five days for completion. In key stage 2, if homework is not returned on time, pupils will be given an additional opportunity to complete work in school during lunchtime.

**What will homework consist of?****Early Years Foundation**

In EYFS children will be set homework as follows;

- Daily reading, to be recorded in the reading record book.
- Phonics/phonic word daily practice.
- Personalised learning tasks according to need

## **Key Stage 1**

### **In Turtles Class:**

Children will be set homework as follows;

- Daily reading, to be recorded on Showbie.
- Weekly spellings
- Optional 'Home Learning Challenge'

## **Key Stage 2**

### **In Dolphin's Class:**

(Homework set Friday, returned by Wednesday)

- Daily reading, to be recorded on Showbie
  - Weekly spellings
  - One piece of maths (this may be 99 Club) or English based on class learning
- If writing homework is set, the expectation would be a minimum of half a page of A4.

### **In Pelican's Class:**

**(Homework set Thursday)**

Children will be set homework as follows;

- Daily reading, to be recorded on Showbie
- Weekly spellings
- One piece of English and one piece of Maths to complete on Satscompanion
- One piece of topic work on Showbie

If writing homework is set, the expectation would be a minimum of three quarters of a page of A4.

### **Online Platforms:**

Showbie

SATS Companion

Morodo

Sumdog

Tapestry

### **Alternative Provision:**

In a small number of cases where internet connection is poor, it may be necessary for online homework to be sent home as a hard copy. This will be agreed personally with parents on a needs basis.

### **Celebration of Homework**

Classes may choose to celebrate homework that is completed to a high standard through display, stickers, Headteacher Awards etc.

### **Marking**

Homework will be responded to through Showbie - either with oral or annotated feedback where appropriate.

Exceptional effort with homework should be rewarded through use of house points or stickers.

### **Parents and Homework**

Parents are encouraged to guide children with their homework should they need it, however they should encourage the child to work independently to complete the tasks set. If parents have any issues with homework they should raise their concerns with the class teacher initially.

If KS2 children persistently fail to hand in their homework, they will be given the opportunity to complete it during lunchtime.

### **Setting homework**

Teachers will ensure that pupils are set homework which is at an appropriate level and that homework set is in line with work which has been completed at school and so is not an entirely new concept to the child.

### **Timings**

Guidelines for how much time should be spent on homework are as follows:

Seahorses (Reception) - 10 minutes reading/phonics daily

Turtles (Years 1 & 2) 15 minutes reading/phonics daily

Class Two (Years 3 & 4) 20 minutes reading/spelling or approx. 1.5 hours per week

Class Three (Years 5 & 6) 30 minutes per day or 2 hours per week

Signed: Headteacher - *Sally Berry*

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