



Homework Policy

William Fletcher School is a Rights Respecting School, this policy reflects Articles 17 (access to information) 28 (right to education) 29 (goals of education)

The purpose of homework

Homework is given to support basic skills, extend thinking and to provide opportunities for individual research or investigation. These all help children to be creative and develop their learning further. A good home-school relationship is essential if homework is to help support children's learning. We ask parents to ensure that their children take homework seriously. It is important that children understand they are working for themselves. The effort they put into their work is to help them develop their own learning.

How can parents help?

Parents can help their children in a variety of ways, depending upon the child and the work that has been set. Some parents may like to work alongside their child, offering questions to prompt thinking; others prefer to discuss the work upon completion. Some parents ask their child to teach them about the work they are undertaking.

Homework should not be a battle; if parents think this is the case we encourage parents to discuss this with their child's class teacher.

The best environment

Homework is an opportunity to develop self-discipline and responsible work habits. A quiet space and time is needed if the homework is to be completed well.

We encourage children to complete their homework soon after it is set; in this way children are more able to remember the teacher's advice. Homework completed early in the week also leaves time for the child to seek further guidance from the teacher if they are unsure about a particular aspect of the task set.

Completing homework

Class teachers will set a routine with their class of days when homework is given and days for collection. The completion of homework and handing it in on time are very important. This is the responsibility of the child and helps to develop independence.

Children in year 5 and 6 are invited to attend homework club which takes place on Thursday afternoons from 3.00-4.00pm, staff and volunteers are on hand to assist with homework, IT support is also available.

Homework during the holidays

Homework can be set during the holidays. This encourages the children to practise key skills when away from the classroom.

Homework Schedule for each year group

Year	Activity	Frequency
FS	Book share Letter sounds Key words Word Building Number recognition	10-15 minutes daily
1 and 2	Reading Key words-as appropriate Letter sounds- as appropriate Spellings- introduced in year 1 Minute maths (year 2) / Mathletics	10-15 minutes daily 5 minutes daily Weekly
3 and 4	Reading Spellings Maths facts English or maths(alternating) Or P4C, topic research Mathletics	15 minutes daily 10 minutes daily 10 minutes daily 20 minutes per week Weekly
5 and 6	Reading Spellings Maths facts English and maths, on occasions P4C or cross curricular assignment My maths / Mathletics	15 -20 minutes daily 10 minutes daily 10 minutes daily 45 minutes per week Weekly

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