

St Oswald's CE Primary School and Nursery

Homework Policy



Overview

Homework is an essential part of learning at our school. It helps reinforce classroom teaching, encourages independent learning, and builds good study habits for the future. Our approach is designed to be manageable, consistent, and rewarding for pupils and families.

Homework Expectations by Year Group

Year Group	Homework Tasks	Expectation
Years 1–5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Weekly Times Tables - Weekly spellings practice - Reading - KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)	<p>This may be in the form of TTRS (Times Table Rockstars) or as directed by the class teacher.</p> <p>This will be directed by the class teacher and be relevant to end of year expectations for each year group.</p> <p>Reading scheme book or free reading book to be read <u>at least</u> three times per week.</p> <p>Key Instant Recall Facts for maths will be sent home at the beginning of each half term. These are facts specific to each year group that children need to know instantly.</p>
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Weekly Times Tables - Weekly spellings practice - Reading - KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) - Maths or Reading Task (weekly)	<p>This may be in the form of TTRS (Times Table Rockstars) or as directed by the class teacher.</p> <p>This will be directed by the class teacher and be relevant to end of year expectations for each year group.</p> <p>Reading scheme book or free reading book to be read <u>at least</u> three times per week.</p> <p>Key Instant Recall Facts for maths will be sent home at the beginning of each half term. These are facts specific to each year group that children need to know instantly.</p> <p>Additional maths or reading task alternating each week as directed by the teacher. This will increase in spring term/summer 1 to incorporate SATs revision.</p>

Homework Rewards System

The Homework Treat is a **fun and motivating reward** held at the end of each half term. The nature of this treat will be decided by the class teacher. Pupils who complete their homework target receive the 'Homework Treat'. Targets are set by the class teacher. For children to receive their homework treat they will need to:

- Achieve their **target number of TTRS minutes**.
- Complete the **required number of 'reads'** - signed in their **Reading Records**.

- **Consistently** complete weekly spelling practice.
- **Complete additional Year 6 tasks** (where applicable) to the expected standard.

Monitoring and Support

Homework completion will be monitored weekly by the class teacher. If a pupil is **not on track** to achieve the target, the class teacher will:

- **Contact parents/carers** to inform them.
- Offer time in school to complete the homework
- Offer support or guidance if needed to help the child get back on track.

Parent/Carer Involvement

We encourage parents and carers to:

- Support their child's homework routine.
- Read regularly with their child and complete the reading record.
- Celebrate their efforts and achievements.

Non-Completion

While we understand that occasional circumstances may prevent homework from being completed, consistent non-completion without communication may:

- Result in missing out on the half-termly reward.
- Lead to a meeting between the teacher and parents/carers to discuss support strategies.

[Your School Name]

[School Address]

[Date]

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Homework Expectations and Rewards

At [Your School Name], we believe that homework is an important part of your child's learning journey. It helps to reinforce key skills, encourages good study habits, and builds independence and responsibility.

We are writing to inform you about our **updated homework policy**, which applies to all pupils from **Year 1 to Year 6**.

◆ Weekly Homework Expectations:

Years 1 to 5:

- **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)**
- **Reading** at least 3 times per week (recorded in reading records)
- **Spelling practice**

Year 6:

- The above tasks **plus one additional maths or reading task** each week. This will increase in the spring to allow for SATs revision.

🌟 Homework Rewards

Each week, pupils who complete their homework will earn a **mark towards the half-termly Homework Treat**.

To be eligible for the treat, children must:

- Reach their **TTRS minutes target**
- Complete the required number of **reading sessions**
- Consistently complete their **spelling practice**
- (Year 6 only) Complete their **additional weekly task(s)**

📞 Communication

Teachers will keep track of homework completion each week. If your child is **not on course** to receive the treat, your child's class teacher will contact you to discuss how we can support them in meeting the requirements.

🎉 Half-Termly Treat

The treat is designed to celebrate your child's effort and commitment to learning outside the classroom. We hope it will be a fun and motivating experience for all involved!

We appreciate your support in helping your child establish good learning habits at home. If you have any questions or need support with any aspect of the homework routine, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

[Headteacher's Name]

Headteacher