

TATWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY

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Date of Next Review: November 2019

Aims:

To give children the opportunity to reinforce or practice learning objectives that have been introduced in class.

Rational:

The school is aware that parents have a wide range of views about the amount of homework that should be set so we have tried to ensure the children will not be overloaded. We are also aware that completing homework should be monitored but that children should not be punished e.g. missing a playtime if they fail to hand their homework in on time. The staff are also aware of the time commitment homework can take up so the amount of homework should maximise educational impact while at the same time minimise the need for lots of teacher marking.

Areas of the curriculum where homework will be set.

A. *Reading.*

The children will be encouraged to read regularly. Ideally 20 mins every day at KS2 and 10-15 mins at KS1. Each child will be given a 'Reading Record' which parents are expected to sign. If the children read 5 times they are given two raffle tickets if this is done in one week or one for every five reads. The raffle tickets are collected by the teacher and one child will be presented with a £10 book token every half term.

B. *Maths.*

In Reception and KS1 all the children will be given 'mathematical games' to play with. These will be sent out and changed weekly.

KS2 children will be given a times table challenge at the start of the day 3 times a week. Their progress will be recorded. This should be completed before 9am.

Mini-assessments in Y4-6 will be sent out before assessment day. Parents are required to sign these. Post assessment a follow up test is given that helps reinforce misconceptions or provides extension work for children who scored over 26.

C. *Spellings*

Half termly lists of spellings (taken from the phonics programme or NC spelling lists) will be sent out in all classes. One column per week (10 per week). These will be tested as part of

the end of 3 unit assessments. Children/parents will be given ideas about how to learn them. Common exception words will be added to the list.

D Other homework

-T4W texts will sometimes be sent home to learn.

-The Y6 children will be given homework in preparation for SATS

Other points

Parents will be asked to sign homework assignments in order that they may encourage the children to complete the work.