



Homework Policy

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We define homework as any activity that pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members. At Minet Junior School we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of developing this partnership.

Why give homework?

- To foster the key academic principles of reflection, consolidation, reflection in preparation for future academic achievement.
- To rehearse key skills such as times tables, doubling facts, addition sums, spellings, handwriting and other key facts.
- To foster good habits of organisation and self-discipline.

The table below gives the agreed amount of homework for children.

Year	Reading	Spellings	English	Maths
3	Every day to an adult, with a comment and signature in the reading record. Additional books available on Bug Club with comprehension questions.	Practiced weekly	1 piece per week	1 piece per week Daily times table practice using Timestable Rockstars
4	Every day to an adult, with a comment and signature in the reading record. Additional books available on Bug Club with comprehension questions.	Practiced weekly	1 piece per week 1 short reading comprehension	1 piece per week Daily times table practice using Timestable Rockstars
5	Every day to an adult, with a comment and signature in the homework diary. Additional books available on Bug Club with comprehension questions.	Practiced weekly	1 reading comprehension 1 piece grammar	1 piece per week Times table practice using Timestable Rockstars
6	Every day to an adult, with a comment and signature in the homework diary. Additional books available on Bug Club with comprehension questions.	Practiced weekly	1 reading comprehension 1 piece of grammar	1 piece per week Times table practice using Timestable Rockstars
<p style="color: red;">We provide all children with a log-in for IXL, Purple Mash, Bug Club and Education City. We strongly encourage and promote the use of these computer based learning to support children's learning further. It is a fantastic way to boost many children's skills and has already worked exceptionally well for some.</p>				

We use Microsoft teams to set homework. Children will need to log in to access their homework. They will then need to open a document using Office365 to complete it and hand it back in or they will need to open one of the computer based learning programmes that the school has provided them with access to (Purple Mash, IXL, Bug Club, Education City).

Children should be encouraged to discuss any problems they are having with their teacher. It is not acceptable for children to struggle excessively, causing upset at home. Obtaining parental support is of paramount importance.

If a child does not complete their homework a message will be written in the child's homework diary/reading record. If a child does not complete their homework on a second occasion concerns will be discussed with parents. If homework continues to not be completed, concerns will be escalated to year leaders and members of the senior leadership team.

DfE Guidelines for KS2 issued in 1998 – Years 3&4, 1 & ½ hours, Years 5&6, 30 minutes daily.

Children in year 6 may be given more if it is felt it will support their learning as they approach the SATs.