



Homework Policy

At Moat Farm Junior School, we provide all children with homework to enable them to practise skills and learning they have already done in school. Sometimes, the aim is to repeat something done in class as a practise exercise. Other times, the homework will ask children to apply their learning to a different context. At all times, however, children will not be given work to do at home that they have not learned in school unless it is a project which asks them to find out about something new. For example, making their own pyramids for the Egyptians topic.

Our Aims

We aim to provide opportunities for parents/carers to work alongside their child or children to support their learning in school. This is because we want to work as a partnership in your child's learning – school, the child and their parents working together to help your child to reach their potential.

As guidance only, we suggest the following as good practice:

Reading:

To read their school book or another book every single day at home for around ten to twenty minutes. Discuss with your child the way we read punctuation as well as words, how bold or italic words are read differently. Look for how advanced punctuation is used. For example, speech marks, brackets, commas, apostrophes etc. It is very important that adults discuss these things with their child as they are not likely to notice them on their own.

Spelling:

Children are taught spelling rules and strategies to help them spell weekly in our school. The spellings that are sent home, are taken from their year group list and children are expected to use strategies taught to help them practise their spellings.

Maths:

By the end of year 3, all children need to continue to practise their 2x, 5x and 10x tables (children should know this by the end of year 2) but to also learn their 3x, 4x, 6x, 7x, 8x and 9x tables. By year 4, all children need to consolidate their times tables and improve the speed of their recall and learn what the corresponding division facts are. For example, $7 \times 6 = 42$. Also $42 = 7 \times 6$. We encourage parents to practise this with their children daily for a few minutes. In addition to that, homework will be sent for the children to practise skills that they have learnt in class that week.

Projects:

Projects are a fun way to do homework. It will allow children to develop their creativity in how they wish to present their work and give them some freedom in developing the aspects of the research that particularly interest them. Within project work, children get the opportunity to develop their creative interests.

Our staff hope that you can support us in getting the balance right. We want to work together with you to do help your child be the best they can possibly be and reach their full potential. If you have any concerns about the homework set, or, you feel that the homework is just right, please do come in and see your child's teacher at the door in the morning.

