



Oswald Road Primary School

Homework Policy

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At Oswald Road we are proud of our diverse community and we understand that lots of our children enjoy a wide range of activities outside of school. Our homework policy aims to set out and make clear the opportunities that the school will provide for learning beyond the school day on a regular basis.

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Homework at Oswald Road is not compulsory. DfE guidelines state that the decision to set homework lies with individual schools. Our decision to set but not enforce homework stems from our detailed understanding of our children and the diverse community that we serve.

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All children at Oswald Road Primary School will have the opportunity to complete work at home. The amount of homework and the type of activities set will be dependent on the age of the children.

1.2

All children who are learning to read and who are reading books from our reading scheme will have a home reading book that will be changed at least once per week. Children in EYFS and KS1 will have a reading record and this must be signed by Parent/Carers before books are changed.

1.3

All children will have weekly spellings sent home. The spellings are progressive and will be specific to each year group throughout the school.

1.4

This chart outlines the type of homework that will be typically set in each year group. The chart is not exhaustive and at different points within the year, some year groups may be set tasks that are different to those outlined here.

| Phase | Homework Activities | Frequency |
|---------------|---|--|
| Early Years | Reading Books Sound/word of the week Family tasks | Weekly Weekly Fortnightly |
| Years 1 and 2 | Reading Books Spellings Learning Log | Weekly Weekly Fortnightly |
| Years 3 and 4 | Reading Books Spellings Maths Skills Learning Log Handwriting (terms 1 and 2) | Weekly Weekly Weekly Fortnightly Fortnightly (Year3) Weekly (Year 4) |
| Years 5 and 6 | Reading Spellings Times Tables Revision Sheets Learning logs | Weekly Weekly Weekly Weekly Fortnightly |

1.5

All homework will be recognised in some way. This differs across school and is at the discretion of the class teacher.

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Children/families who decide not to complete homework tasks will not be punished.

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Homework tasks will not inform future teaching and learning. Opting not to complete the tasks set will not directly disadvantage any of our children.