



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.

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All children who are learning to read and who are reading book-band books will have a home reading book that will be changed at least once per week. Children on book-bands below lime will have two books. Whilst engaging in our phonics programme, one of these books will be a sound practice book instead of a second book band. Any child on a book-band will have a reading record and this must be signed by Parent/Carers. Children will all have reading for pleasure books. Children who have completed the book-band journey will take home books from our specifically selected list.

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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.

Nursery	Reading for pleasure book Wordless book-band where appropriate from spring Some home learning tasks are set on the memo on Tapestry (linked to learning) Number formation to 5 and name writing from spring
Reception	Daily reading – bookband Daily reading – sound practice book Reading for pleasure Phonics/Literacy extension from in school learning Maths extension from in school learning
Year 1	Daily reading – bookband Daily reading – sound practice book Reading for pleasure Numbots task Spelling Shed task

Year 2	Daily reading – bookband (two books) Reading for pleasure Spelling Shed quiz Maths Shed quiz
Year 3	Daily reading – book band or school's selected book list Reading for pleasure (for children on book bands) Reading Journals TT Rockstars Spellings on Spelling Shed
Year 4	Daily reading – book band or school's selected book list Reading for pleasure (for children on book bands) Reading Journals TT Rockstars Times tables booklets
Year 5	Daily reading – school's selected book list Reading Journals TT Rockstars Ed Shed weekly spellings linked to the following week's spellings
Year 6	Daily reading – school's selected book list Reading Journals One piece of maths (linked to class learning/gaps) One piece of Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (linked to class learning/gaps) Ed Shed task

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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.

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We have addressed feedback that it would be helpful to offer more homework by Year 6 and there is a progression to the homework offer across our school.