



# Hampton Junior School

## Homework - A Guide for Parents

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# 'Be the best you can be!'

## HOMEWORK

At Hampton Junior School we set homework for all years. Homework focuses on the core skills of reading, spelling, multiplication tables (for Years 3-4) and reviewing prior maths learning (Years 5-6) .

Compulsory homework will be set during term time only. However, it will not be set during the school's low level weeks - which occur one week each term.

### **Why do we set homework?**

- Reinforce and practise the core skills.
- Raise achievement of pupils in these areas.
- Encourage and develop independent learning.
- Develop the home/school partnership by including parents in their child's learning.
- Prepare children for future education.

### **Homework expectation at HJS:**

Homework will always be set on a Monday and due on the following Monday. Please see below the guidance for pupils at HJS regarding homework:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Daily Reading 10 minutes (5 x per week)	Daily Reading 10 minutes (5 x per week)	Daily Reading 15 minutes (5 x per week)	Daily Reading 15 minutes (5 x per week)
Daily Spellings 10 minutes (5 x per week)	Daily Spellings 10 minutes (5 x per week)	Daily Spellings 10 minutes (5 x per week)	Daily Spellings 10 minutes (5 x per week)
Daily Multiplication Tables or number skills 10 minutes (5 x per week)	Daily Multiplication Tables 10 minutes (5 x per week)	Review of prior learning for Maths 15-20 minutes set once per week	Review of prior learning for Maths 15-20 minutes set once per week.

### **If homework is not completed?**

Yeargroups will offer an opportunity to complete the homework task whether this be through an extra break or completing it within a lunchtime. Please note this is yeargroup dependent and will be communicated to parents at the start of the term.

### **Home School Diaries**

- An adult must sign the home school diary to confirm that this has been done once a week.
- The home school diary must be in school every day and staff will sign the diary on a weekly basis.
- Please note that additional tasks may be set in year 6 if required to support their transition to secondary school.

### **Competitions:**

During the year there may be whole school competitions which the children need to prepare for at home. Participation in these curricular activities are compulsory. For example: Poetry and Times Table Challenge.

Other competitions may, from time to time, be sent home but they will not be compulsory activities (Christmas card competition, Postcard Competition and Reading Challenges,)

Additional resources are available on Google Classroom and the school website from class teachers but these will not be marked and no feedback will be given. In addition to this, some learning from the week is also used on Google Classroom which can be used as a recap.

### **Parents can support their child by:**

- Being familiar with the homework expectations
- Ensuring that time and a suitable place to work is provided.
- Completing the home/school diary accurately.

We encourage parents to support their child when completing home learning. During termly parent consultation meetings with the class teacher, additional guidance will be provided about targets and areas for development, which parents are encouraged to support their children at home with. If you have any questions or comments please keep in touch with staff via the home/school diary or arrange a meeting through the school office.

**The teaching staff will:**

- Plan and set homework to sustain learner's progress and to extend and consolidate their learning.
- Set time aside to communicate each homework task clearly to all children.
- Discuss with children who regularly fail to complete homework tasks the reasons why homework is set and its benefits.
- Discuss homework arrangements at the curriculum meetings with parents in September.
- Track the child's approach to homework and discuss this at a parent consultation and/or make a comment on the annual report if appropriate.

**MONITORING**

This policy is monitored by the Senior Leadership Team and by Governors. Parents will be consulted via meetings or surveys from time to time on the effectiveness of the school's homework policy.