

# Herons' Moor Academy Trust



## Homework Policy

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## **Herons' Moor Academy Homework Policy**

### **Rationale**

At Herons' Moor Academy we believe that children make the most effective progress when a strong partnership exists between the Academy and the home. Homework is an effective way for parents to support the learning experiences provided by the Academy, and provides an opportunity to support their children's development.

### **Purposes**

1. To encourage children to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study alone on a regular basis outside of the Academy.
2. To motivate children to be involved in the learning process outside of the Academy through additional learning opportunities.
3. To maintain and develop the partnership between home and Academy.
4. To encourage parents, and carers, to become actively involved in their child's learning.
5. To consolidate, reinforce, and extend skills and understanding across the Curriculum, particularly within Literacy and Numeracy.
6. At Year 6, to prepare children for Secondary School.

### **Responsibilities**

The Class Teacher will:-

- a) Ensure that the demands of the homework are manageable for the children, parents and carers on a day-to-day basis so that the children have time for a life outside of the Academy
- b) Ensure that there are regular patterns to homework, particularly for English and Maths, to secure the basics in these areas
- c) Allow appropriate time for the task to be completed.
- d) Put the date that the homework is due in on the front of the homework
- e) Mark homework unless it is late, in line with the Feedback Policy

It will be parent's/carer's responsibility to:-

- a) Support and guide their child to complete their homework on time.

- b) Make it clear to pupils that they value homework and support the Academy in explaining how it can help their learning.
- c) Encourage their children and praise them when they have completed their homework.
- f) Encourage high standards of presentation and to take pride in their homework.

**It will be the pupil's responsibility to:-**

- a) Complete all homework tasks set on time.
- b) Take pride in the presentation of their work.
- c) Do the best that they can.
- d) Attend homework clubs and or reading club, if due to exceptional circumstances they have been unable to complete the homework

**Guidelines:-**

1. The setting of tasks to be undertaken at home will be normal practice throughout the Academy. These will mainly be focussed on English and Maths activities although other types of work will also be set.
2. The frequency and length of tasks will vary according to the age and needs of the child, and according to the programme of work at the time. See attached sheet.
3. Tasks will vary in their nature, and will not necessarily be of a formal pencil and paper style.
4. Tasks may include: reading, learning of tables, spelling or , completion and/or extension of work begun in class, additional research, collecting information, investigations.

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## Herons' Moor Academy

### Weekly Homework Programme

Reception	Year1	Year 2	Year3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Reading 5 time a week (5 -10 mins)	Reading 5 times a week (5- 10 mins)	Reading at least 5 times a week (5-10 mins)	Reading at least 5 times a week (5- 10 mins)	Reading at least 5 times a week (5- 10 mins)	Reading at least 5 times a week (5- 10 mins)	Reading at least 5 times a week (5- 10 mins)
Learning tricky words and practising phonics	Learning tricky words and practising phonics	Learning tricky words and practising phonics	Spelling 3 times a week (5 mins)	Spelling 3 times a week (5 mins)	Spelling 3 times a week (5 mins)	Spelling 3 times a week (5 mins)
Counting	Practice number bonds and tables 3 times a week	Practice number bonds and tables 3 times a week	Practice tables 3 times a week	Practice tables 3 times a week	Practice tables 3 times a week	Practice tables 3 times a week
	Occasional topic work	Occasional topic work and maths games once a fortnight	One piece of either English or Maths work of 15 mins each,	One piece of either English or Maths work of 30 mins.	Two pieces of work of 20 mins. Or one task of 40 mins.	Two pieces of work of 30 mins., or one piece of one hour

The guidance regarding frequency and duration of reading at home should be treated as a minimum. All children should be encouraged to read and share books with parents/carers as often as possible.