



Homework Policy

At Brookwood, we believe that outside of school, children should prioritise spending quality time with their family and friends so they are refreshed and energised during the school week. We want to reduce stress and anxiety at home and ensure any homework tasks set should be purposeful, fun and have a positive impact on their learning. To improve their all-round development and good health, we encourage children and families to participate in sports and hobbies and get sufficient sleep.

The aims of homework

- To be purposeful, enjoyable and fun.
- To encourage home-school liaison by involving school, children and parents in creating a learning environment at home as well as at school.
- To help consolidate and apply any knowledge, skills, concepts and attitudes related to the school curriculum.
- To prepare children for the next phase of education.

What and How?

The content and amount of homework depends a great deal on the child's age and ability and even younger children are expected to bring books home regularly. We regard many practical activities carried out at home to be valuable 'homework' such as learning to tell the time, the days of the week and months of the year, cooking, playing board games, shopping, handling money and watching the news. At the beginning of each term parents receive a curriculum overview from their child's class teacher, outlining the term's learning and indicating optional ideas and activities to be completed during the term. These may consist of:

Completing certain tasks started in school
Reading, learning spellings, tables, songs, etc.
Using the Times-Table Rockstars Website

All children have a home-school liaison book mainly for recording books read but also to allow parents and teachers to communicate. Parents should look in the book regularly for messages from their child's teacher and take note of whatever is written there.

Mathematics homework is completed by solving challenges on the Times-Table Rockstars Website.

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