

The Purpose of Homework

Children typically retain only 50% of the information provided in class, and **they need to apply that information in order to truly learn it**. Whilst we do revisit learning in school, and use spaced retrieval strategies to support learning, additional practice at home is extremely beneficial. **Homework also allows parents/ carers to be involved with children's learning**. Tasks will be set on Atom learning for children to complete in addition to their reading, times tables and spellings.

Additional Benefits

- Increases **memory** power
- Improves **thinking skills**
- Enhances **concentration**
- Promotes **self-discipline**
- Develops **independent learning skills**
- **Prepares** children for the next phase of education
- Creates a bridge between **home and school**

Reading

We ask that children read at **everyday** at home, **for at least 10 minutes**. These reading sessions should be logged in your child's **Reading Record**. Your child's Reading Record should be in school **every day** as staff will write in them too.

Children's Reading Records are checked daily. If they have managed their 3 reads the children receive a raffle ticket for our termly reading draw.

Homework - The link between home and school

Spelling

Every Monday a spelling pattern or rule is taught. Each half term children will bring home the half term spelling overview, which contains the spellings for each week. Teachers will share the rule/ pattern and words in class, and **they will be tested the following Friday**. Please support your child by practising to spell words which use the pattern/ rule.

Times Tables

By year 5, the expectation is that all children can recall their times tables up to and including 12x12. On a Friday, children will be tested on a random selection of times tables at an appropriate level to them. It is expected that children practise these at home, to increase recall and fluency.

Children can also explore Times Table Rock Stars to compete with their classmates or timestables.co.uk for free, online resources, worksheets, and tests.

We ask that the work is completed and brought back into school the following Friday.