

# Spire Junior School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I'm writing to ask for your help!

Our children get one chance in life at their education and we have a duty to make sure it is as successful as possible, so that we can prepare our children for their time in secondary school and in their chosen careers later in life. In order to be successful they will need the basic skills of reading, writing and maths.

All the teaching at our school is judged as good or outstanding, but this is not enough to ensure the children make the accelerated progress required to ensure they leave our school with good reading, writing and maths skills.

The government makes it very clear in the way they inspect the setting of homework: "Teachers set homework, in line with the school's policy and as appropriate for the age and stage of pupils, that consolidates learning and prepares pupils for work to come".

We are therefore asking for you to help and support your child at home with their homework. We have updated our homework policy (which is available on our website), and the following work will be set weekly. (We've added example timescales to the activities)

- Children to read to an adult 3 times a week (30 minutes in total for the week)
- Children to complete First News comprehension online (15 minutes)  
(This is available on a tablet or PC / Laptop with the children's login details)
- Children to learn their weekly spellings (15 minutes)
- Children to complete maths homework - learning their times tables on time tables rock stars (15 minutes)  
(This is available on a tablet or PC / Laptop with the children's login details)

In Year 6 the children will have slightly more homework for revision purposes and in preparation for secondary school.

In order to support parents / carers we do run a free homework club on a Monday 3.30pm-4.30pm for children to attend, where they can be supported by staff in completing their homework. I pads will also be available for online learning during these sessions.



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When children persistently do not complete their homework, time will be taken from some break times for them to complete homework, and parents will be contacted to see if their child can attend homework club as a supportive measure.

I hope you are able to support this measure as I realise it is always difficult to balance setting homework activities that support and challenge children's learning, and ensuring parents have the time to support their child.

We want to work with you on making homework a success and welcome feedback next term once the new policy has had time to be embedded.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr D. Shaw  
Headteacher

