

# Spire Junior School

## Homework Policy



### Introduction

Homework is an important part of the school curriculum for all pupils. At Spire Junior School homework is given for the following reasons:

- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding, particularly in literacy and numeracy.
- To encourage self-discipline and personal organisation.
- To extend school learning.
- To allow parents direct involvement in their child's learning.

### General Guidelines

1. The setting of tasks to be undertaken at home is normal practice in the school.
2. Homework will normally be set on a Friday each week to be returned by the following Thursday. (Except spellings, which are given out every Monday)
3. All children are expected to read at home at least three times every week.
4. All children are expected to spend time learning their times tables and weekly spellings.
5. A piece of maths and a piece of English work may also be sent home to be completed.
6. Tasks will vary in their nature and will include completion or extension of work begun in class, additional research, collecting information and investigations.
7. Homework set will be followed up in class and it should be made clear to children that, unless clearly specified, homework tasks are not optional.
8. Parents will be contacted where there are persistent problems with homework.
9. Each child will be provided with a book in which to complete their homework.

### Pupils with Special Educational Needs

At Spire Junior School we believe in providing equal opportunities and have high expectations of all pupils. Pupils with special educational needs are expected to complete homework tasks and will be given support when necessary. Homework tasks will vary to meet the needs of individual pupils.

### Homework Club

There will be a weekly, after school, homework club run by staff to provide the opportunity to complete homework. Children who consistently do not complete homework will be asked to attend this club.

### The Role of Parents/Carers in Supporting Pupils

The school encourages parents/carers to:

- Provide a reasonably peaceful place in which pupils can do their homework either on their own or with an adult.
- Make it clear to pupils that they value homework.
- Encourage pupils and praise them when they have completed homework.

### The Role of Teachers

All teachers in the school will make sure that:

- Tasks set are appropriate for the child.
- Additional sheets are available on the class notice board.
- Homework is marked.
- Children are reminded daily about returning homework.
- Reading records are checked daily and reading at home is monitored.
- A visual reminder of reading is clearly visible in the classroom.

### Homework Monitoring

The following arrangements have been made to monitor homework:

- Class teachers will check homework is completed to a satisfactory standard.
- The Headteacher will collect regular samples of homework tasks.
- Parents will be asked for their views.

This policy will be reviewed on a regular basis and amended if necessary.