

Hill Avenue Academy

In Association with:

Manor Multi-Academy Trust



Homework Policy

HOMWORK POLICY

INTENT

At Hill Avenue Academy we provide all children with homework to enhance their learning. Our aims are to develop a partnership with parents and carers through involving them actively in children's learning and to make pupils independent learners. The regular use of homework is one way in which pupils can be helped to achieve this.

Our homework policy is designed to:

- Extend and develop the work done in school to those hours the children spend out of school.
- Give parents opportunities to become partners in their children's learning Encouraging children to develop organisational skills and self- discipline and to take charge of their own learning
- Develop children's independent learning skills and encourage them to take charge of their own learning
- Personalise learning and develop children's self-motivation and self-confidence.

IMPLEMENTATION

The main focus for home learning will be to consolidate Maths and English skills. Teachers will use planning to identify key areas of Maths and English which could be extended at home to consolidate and compliment the learning experiences in school.

Parents and carers will be provided with an overview of the curriculum at the start of each term in the form of a curriculum newsletter, as well as our Building Blocks for English and Maths which identify what their child/children should achieve by the end of the term. Homework will be given out to children on a Friday to be handed in the following Monday so the learning can be marked. Homework will take a variety of forms and will be linked to the children's learning for the week/term and a context will be provided to make the learning intentions clear to parents and carers. The learning opportunities will be differentiated and matched to the abilities of the children in the class/year group. All children will be expected to have a go at their homework and complete the learning opportunities set. Pupil Leaders and staff will support any child who is having difficulty in completing and handing in their homework.

Guidelines for Homework

Nursery:

- Regular Parent/ Carer and child learning opportunities will be sent home for children to share with an adult at home to reinforce and extend learning that has taken place in the nursery setting.
- Daily sharing/reading of a picture/worded book

Reception:

- Daily reading for 10 minutes and talking about the book
- Handwriting and number formation practice
- Weekly spellings
- Understanding of the world learning opportunities will be sent home to reinforce teaching objectives in the form of creative projects

- Key vocabulary for the weekly theme will be sent home to practise
- Access to EducationCity

Keystage 1: 1 Hour each week

- Reading for 15 minutes per day and discussing the book with an adult and keeping a daily reading diary record
- Weekly handwriting practise
- Weekly spellings and Times tables TT Rockstars (Online Portal will support this)
- Alternate English, Maths and Cross-curricular learning opportunities weekly in the form of creative projects
- Maths/English home learning weekly (Online portal: Education City will support this)
- Half-termly holiday projects to engage the children and parents with the learning opportunities

Lower Keystage 2: 1.5 hours each week

- Reading for 15 minutes per day and discussing the book with an adult and keeping a daily reading diary record
- Weekly spellings and Times tables TT Rockstars (Online Portal will support this)
- Alternate English, Maths and Cross-curricular learning opportunities weekly in the form of creative projects
- Maths/English home learning weekly (Online portal: Education City will support this)
- Half-termly holiday projects to engage the children and parents with the learning opportunities

Upper Keystage 2: 2 hours each week

- Reading for 20 minutes per day and completing detailed book reviews
- Weekly spellings and Times tables TT Rockstars (Online Portal will support this)
- Alternate English, Maths and Cross-curricular learning opportunities weekly in the form of creative projects
- Maths/English home learning weekly (Online portal: Education City will support this)
- Half-termly holiday projects to engage the children and parents with the learning opportunities.

IMPACT

Our Homework Policy will enable the children to gain the knowledge, skills and understanding they need for their future. All of the homework will be marked in line with Hill Avenue Academy's marking policy. We would also encourage parents and carers to comment on the children's' learning when it is completed.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by staff and governors