

Little Bowden Primary School

Homework Guidance 2015

This guidance will be reviewed in September 2018. It may be reviewed at the start of each academic year if there are changes that the school need to implement

Signature _____(Chair of Governors)

This guidance is a statement of the aims, principles and guidelines for the management of homework. Homework refers to any work or activity which pupils are asked to do outside lesson time, either on their own or with parents or carers.

Aims

- To have a consistent approach throughout the school, ensuring progression.
- To provide opportunities for pupils, parents, and the school to work together, allowing parents to become actively involved in supporting their child's learning.
- To develop independent study skills and organisational skills.
- To develop self-discipline and motivation.
- To enhance learning by using a wider variety of resources to those available in the classroom, eg family trips, research work using books/internet.
- To reinforce classroom based learning.
- To prepare Year 6 for secondary transfer.

Principles

At Little Bowden we encourage parents to become actively involved in their children's learning, supporting them with homework.

Parents

Parents are asked to ensure that children complete homework and return it to school on time, although older children especially should take increasing responsibility for organising themselves, their time and their homework activities.

Teachers

Teaching staff will always address any concerns or problems that parents or children may have about homework. Routines for setting and returning homework have been agreed as a whole school and are set out in the guidelines below/.

Guidelines

At Little Bowden School all children are set homework tasks which may differ in each age group and will vary to meet the needs of individual children.

Reading

All children are expected to read regularly each week and this reading is recorded in the home school diary that accompanies the reading books, thus allowing written communication between school and home. In Reception and KS1 these books will most probably be from the school reading scheme. In KS2 these books may initially be from the school reading scheme. However as the reading level progresses, the books will often be chosen from the Home School Reader shelves or from their own supply of books at home or even the local library in town.

Children are also given weekly spellings and times tables to learn at home.

Spelling

These are given out weekly from Year 2 upwards and are recorded in the Home School Record Book. They will be handed out on a Monday and tested the following Monday in school.

MyMaths

MyMaths is a fully interactive, online mathematics platform for children of all ages and abilities. It helps your child to develop their understanding of maths through a variety of engaging activities, games and assessments. Teachers will set this homework weekly and new tasks will be given on Monday for the following Monday. As a parent, we will provide you with log-in details to access MyMaths alongside your child. You will then be able to support your child's learning by seeing what they are working on and checking their progress. This obviously requires access to a computer, however it is now accessible on iPad and other tablet devices through the free Puffin Academy app on [iTunes](#) and [Android](#). If this is still proving difficult, contact your class

teacher and we can make some arrangements such as attending the school homework club.

Additional Work

Additional work to be completed at home will also be set and is explained in the table below. This homework is set on a Tuesday and must be completed and returned to school by the following Monday. Homework is recorded in a homework book whenever possible.

Year Group	Homework Set
Reception	<p>Practical maths or topic linked work will be set by the teachers and recorded in the blue home school record books. This will be set most weeks.</p> <p>Work to support the introduction of the phonic sounds will be sent home until these have all been completed.</p>
Year 1	<p>One piece of homework (literacy, maths or topic) a fortnight.</p> <p>Spellings – linked to phonics work will be sent home periodically by teachers.</p>
Year 2 - 5	<p>One piece of homework (literacy, maths or topic) a week.</p> <p>One creative piece will be given each term (which may take about three weeks). This will replace the weekly literacy, maths or topic homework mentioned above.</p>
Year 6	<p>Two pieces of homework a week.</p> <p>In addition:</p> <p>Autumn term – individual project work;</p> <p>Spring term – project presentation to class;</p> <p>Summer term – a creative piece (see Year 2-5).</p>

