

Wingate Primary School

Homework Policy

September 2025

Aims

Homework is encouraged throughout our school. To be most effective, parents and carers, staff and the children, need to understand its purpose and work together to get the most out of activities set.

Homework...

- reinforces skills which have been taught in school and gives children the opportunity to practise what they have learnt;
- encourages self-discipline as the children begin to work and learn independently;
- helps children to develop independent learning;
- provides teachers with the opportunity to support and extend the individual child's learning;
- sets standards for life and children become accustomed to working at home;
- encourages children to share their learning with parents and carers and helps parents/carers become more involved in their child's learning.

Reading

We encourage the children to read for at least a short while every day at home as well as in school. We try to encourage the children to read for pleasure and value, listening to stories that they may not be able to read themselves. Working with parents/carers we hope to encourage a love of reading in every child.

We encourage children to bring books from home and take books from school. We discuss how to share books with parents/carers regularly so that reading is a positive experience

In Key Stage 1 and Reception, your child will be given a reading book each week.

These books **must** be returned to school by Tuesday each week and if not a text message will be sent to remind you to return the book. If the book does not return then, unfortunately, this may incur a charge to replace the book.

Bug Club online reading is available for your child to read on throughout the week.

Login cards are all provided for all children at the start of the year. A copy of these is in the front of your child's homework book and in their class.

Homework guidelines for primary schools

The purpose of the homework we give is to help children to learn and enjoy their learning, rather than depending on whether it takes a certain amount of time.

For example, some children will work more quickly than others and get more done in less time and some will want to extend the work they do and spend longer. In our school every child is given opportunities for homework from the outset.

In our school, children can expect to be given homework as in the table below.

All homework books and CPG Homework Books should be returned to school by Monday if possible please.

A record of your child's completed homework tasks and home reading will be kept by your child's teacher.

Nursery	Children will have books to share at home each week. Please return on Tuesdays so a new book can be chosen.
Reception	- Daily tasks- reading and stories each night on Bug Club site - Weekly Homework Book tasks – Literacy and a Maths activity replicating the learning from class - Reading book each weekend to read and return by Tuesday (the book needs to be read more than 2 times to develop fluency)
Year 1	- Online – Bug Club – Read 1 book each week - Reading book each weekend to read and return by Tuesday (the book needs to be read more than 2 times to develop fluency) 1 Comprehension activity in CPG book - Occasionally- Maths Homework Booklet (approximately 4 booklets per term).
Year 2	- Online – Bug Club – Read 1 book each week - Reading book each weekend to read and return by Tuesday (the book needs to be read more than 2 times to develop fluency) 1 Comprehension activity in CPG book - Weekly Homework Book tasks – Spelling Homework each week, - Maths Homework activity each week
Year 3	- Online – Bug Club – Read 1 book each week- - Online Maths Shed – Times tables (At least twice per week) - Weekly Homework Book tasks – English and Maths activities (some linked to topic) - Occasionally- themed homework tasks too.
Year 4	- Online - Reading on Bug Club - Online Multiplication check on Maths Shed (At least twice per week). - Weekly Homework Book tasks - Times table activity, one SPAG task. - Occasionally- themed homework tasks too.
Year 5	- Online - Reading plus (Complete all assignments – normally 5 books and 1 vocabulary assignment) or Bug Club (Read 10 books). - Weekly tasks- Ed Shed – Spelling activity.

	• Weekly tasks- Ed Shed – Maths Shed – Activity replicating the Maths lesson done this week. • Occasionally- Maths Home Learning booklet relating to the current topic.
Year 6	• Online - Reading Plus, SPAG.com and Ed Shed (Spelling and maths shed activities) - Complete all given assignments. • Weekly Collins book – Focussed Maths and Reading activities.

We do not want anyone to get stressed about homework so if you are struggling to engage your child in completing the tasks please come in and see us so that we can help.

We run homework clubs at lunchtimes so the children all have the opportunity to get their work done. We encourage the children to recognise their right to an education.

Helping your child with homework

We are happy for you to support and help your child with their homework, however, we also want to see what your child can do on their own. As they get older, it is particularly important for your child to become more independent in their learning so prepare to let them do it on their own if they want to. If you are unsure about how to help you are welcome to discuss it with your child's teacher or Mrs Binks.

Feedback on your child's homework

Staff will give feedback on homework. It should be given in a way that lets your child know how well they have done and how they could do better.

Please note, if homework is not handed in on time then we cannot guarantee it will be marked that week, due to the time constraints of other responsibilities during that week. It is very important that your child's homework is handed in on time in order for the correct feedback to be given to them.

This may not always happen through written comments from staff. Sometimes work will be discussed in lessons or staff may give written comments on just one or two aspects of a piece of work. Please come in and see us if you have any questions about homework.

All children in our school will have access to homework that is relevant to their current stage of learning, their interests and their learning in school.

Review

This Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by staff, Governors, children and their families. Last review as date on front cover.

