



Homework Policy

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Signed (on behalf of the governing body)

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At Brushwood we believe that regular homework:

- encourages children to study independently
- develops perseverance and self-discipline
- practises skills learnt in the classroom
- encourages parents to become more involved in their children's work both in and out of school

Atom Prime

The Atom Prime Learning homework portal is used by Brushwood Junior School. All homework set is monitored by Teaching Staff so that pupil engagement and progress is regularly revisited. Parents can access the Parent Portal as a means of supporting their child and to observe the progress they are making through set tasks. Based on pupil responses/answers, the level of challenge of the questions is automatically adjusted to meet the individual ability/need of each pupil.

Setting of Homework

Homework is set each Wednesday and is expected to be completed by the following Wednesday. Teachers set the following:

Maths

Maths homework is based on prior learning and previously taught topics, so that pupils have regular opportunities to revisit prior learning. No new learning is set through homework. Children are encouraged to use Times Tables Rockstars to increase their fluency when recalling multiplication facts; this is important as multiplication underpins many concepts in Maths.

English

Children are expected to read with an adult daily to develop fluency. It is highly recommended that children read aloud to an adult who can ask questions about the story, what might happen next and explore vocabulary or any tricky words. Reading stories, poems and information books and enjoying reading together is very important at this stage of children's reading development.

For more advanced readers it may be suitable to let them read in their heads for most of the time, but it is recommended that they should still read out loud once a week/occasionally.

At Brushwood, we use Accelerated Reader, which is used to assess children's reading ages

regularly to ensure they are reading books well-matched to their ability. Additional English activities, such as grammar and punctuation, are also set through the Atom Prime Portal.

Inclusivity

For some pupils who struggle with completing homework online, or who need practise on a set of questions specific to their needs, may be given homework on a paper copy.

Homework Club

Homework club is open to all pupils during lunchtime on several days throughout the week. Children who do not have access to a device at home, or need further support with their work, are encouraged to attend. Pupils who have not submitted their homework by Wednesday will be required to complete it at homework club.

Supporting your child

Children should be encouraged to complete their homework as independently as possible. Children may on occasion need support from their parent or carer to complete the activities. If you do not feel confident supporting your child, resources such as videos and help-sheets are available on the Atom Prime portal. If you have any queries regarding homework please contact office@brushwood.education for further assistance.