

## Why do Homework?

Children's knowledge and skills will improve if they practice phonics, spelling, writing, number facts and reading at home.

We believe homework is effective when it is a partnership between parents and school. The support of parents is vital in making homework count. Each activity will help your child in their day to day lessons.

It is, therefore, very important that homework is completed and returned on time. We do understand that, on occasions, this may not be possible. In such cases please inform the class teacher.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding homework, please contact your child's class teacher.



## Tacolneston & Morley CEVA Primary Schools Federation



## A Parent's / Carer's Guide to



## The Value of Homework

- Homework helps to build the relationship between the school and the parents
- Homework gives parents an insight into some of the activities undertaken in school
- Homework can prepare, consolidate and extend some of the work done in school lessons.

## Homework at our Schools

All children are expected to be engaged in a reading activity on a daily basis at home, reading to an adult, reading to themselves or being read to. YR and Y1 children will be sent home with sound (phonics) books and words to learn.

Spellings will be sent home to learn from Y2 onwards and children will be tested on a weekly basis.

All children will have access to an online resource called My Maths. From YR to Y1 children can use this to practise number bonds.

From Y2 to Y6, teachers will set maths tasks for children to complete on My

Maths. Children can also use My Maths to self-select maths games and concepts to practise.

From Y1 to Y6, teachers will set writing tasks for children to complete once per fortnight in their Homework Books.

Year Group	Homework	Total per week
R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading</li><li>• Phonics Book</li></ul>	1 hour
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading</li><li>• Spelling</li><li>• Phonics</li><li>• Writing</li><li>• Number Bonds</li></ul>	1 hour
2 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading</li><li>• Spelling</li><li>• Writing</li><li>• Times tables</li><li>• My Maths</li></ul>	1 ½ hours

## Optional homework:

**Going for Gold** - This is a whole school initiative which children can take part in to achieve Bronze, Silver or Gold awards. Activities are based on building children's independence and developing skills for life.

**Knowledge Organisers** - You will find Knowledge organisers on our website in your Child's class page. They can also be found in your child's Homework Book. They give you information about the knowledge and vocabulary that your child will be learning in class. Use these to encourage your child's learning, e.g. by selecting appropriate books from your local library; visiting places of interest; testing their memory for facts learnt etc.

## What can parents do to help?

Parents have an important role to play in establishing a homework routine.

### Some tips would be to:

- Provide a quiet place for homework activities, free from distractions, and where you can give your child a few minutes of your undivided attention.
- Involve yourself in the set activities, as this will encourage and support your child.
- Give them fun quizzes to see what they have retained from their class learning. The

Knowledge Organisers, with questions and answers, will be provided in their Homework Books.

- Try to make the homework something that your child looks forward to sharing with you.