



PARENTS GUIDE TO HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

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Why do we set homework?

- To support an effective partnership between home and school to enable pupils to make the best progress in their learning.
- To draw on resources outside the school both in pupils' homes and in the wider community to enrich the curriculum.
- To consolidate and extend pupils' learning.
- To encourage pupils, as they move through the school, to develop the confidence, self-discipline and skills needed to study on their own, preparing them for secondary and further education.

At Ivybridge, we believe that homework has a significant part to play in the academic development of the child and that it is helpful to parents to provide some understanding of the work in each age group.

How will homework be planned and co-ordinated?

- Weekly and termly homework is uploaded to Google Classroom and children and parents will be expected to access it from there.
- When joining Ivybridge Primary School, families without a computer at home will be issued with a Chromebook (where possible), this to ensure all children have the facility to complete online study at home.
- Teachers are responsible for ensuring the demands of homework are manageable and achievable for all pupils. Teachers will share the homework set on Google Classroom with the children in class, explaining how to complete the tasks.
- Class teachers are responsible for setting and acknowledging all homework tasks.

What homework is set?

Minimum Expectations for All Pupils

All pupils are expected to read at home **each night** either to an adult or older sibling or, for more confident readers, silently to themselves. This should be for **at least 15 minutes in KS1 and 20 minutes in KS2**.

It is expected that an adult at home will sign a pupil's home school journal each week and that on other days pupils should record their reading in their home school journal for themselves (for younger pupils it may be necessary for an adult to record their reading each day). It would be highly beneficial if the adult signing the journal could also include a comment or observation in relation to the reading completed by the child.

All pupils must bring their reading book and home school journal to school each day – these must be in either a school book bag or a folder. Where pupils do not bring their reading book and journal to school on a regular basis, parents will be contacted by class teachers in the first instance.

Children are expected to complete spelling and maths homework set every week.

Early Years (Nursery & Reception)

Books

In Nursery and Reception the children choose a classroom book to take home each week to share with their parents/carers. An adult is expected to sign and comment in a reading record to indicate that the book has been shared at home.

Sound book

In Reception children are given a sound book alongside the RWI programme taught in class. Parents/carers are expected to practice the sounds in the book daily.

Reading book

In Reception the children are given a levelled reading book which exposes them to the sounds they have been taught in RWI sessions, this book matches the current RWI level they are working in. Parents/carers are expected to comment weekly in the children's home school journal.

Half Term Homework -

Nursery - children are given practical activities which move onto more formal tasks as the year goes on. To start, a selection of practical activity cards which involve using objects around the house are given to parents/carers to do with their children at home. We then move onto paper tasks, providing scissors and pencils to accompany specific activities or to target specific children.

Reception - children are set assignments on 'Busy Things' these are a mixture of tasks from all areas of the Early Years curriculum. A specific targeted piece of work is set on Google Classroom for children to complete, parents are expected to upload the completed piece of work for marking.

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2)

Reading: As Minimum Expectations: Children should read for at least 15 minutes every night.

Spellings: Spellings will be uploaded onto Google Classroom weekly, children will also be given a paper copy in their journal. These spellings will be a mixture of the Year 1 and 2 common exception words and spelling patterns from our 'Read, Write Inc.' scheme. A list of Year 1 & 2 common exception words will be uploaded onto Google Classroom.

Maths – Children will have a set of "Learn Its" (number facts such as number bonds to 20) each term to support their mathematical development. These will be given to pupils at the start of each term (and uploaded onto Google Classroom) to be learnt by the end of term; practice of these should be little and often, eg. 5 to 10 minutes a day and can be completed very informally - for example, when walking to school.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)

Reading: As Minimum Expectations: Children should read for at least 20 minutes every night.

Spellings: Spellings will be uploaded onto Google Classroom weekly, children will also be given a paper copy in their journal. These spellings will be a mixture of the Year 3 and 4 common exception words and spelling patterns from our 'Read, Write Inc.' scheme. A list of Year 3 & 4 common exception words will be uploaded onto Google Classroom.

Maths – Children will have a set of "Learn Its" (number facts such as multiplication tables) each term to support their mathematical development. These will be given to pupils at the start of each term (and uploaded onto Google Classroom) to be learnt by the end of term; practice of these should be little and often, eg. 5 to 10 minutes a day and can be completed very informally - for example, when walking to school.

Children will also be given a weekly task to complete on My Maths – this will be set on Google Classroom.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & 6)

Reading: As Minimum Expectations: Children should read for at least 20 minutes every night.

Spellings: Spellings will be uploaded onto Google Classroom weekly, children will also be given a paper copy in their journal. These will be a mixture of the Year 5 and 6 common exception words and spelling patterns from our 'Read, Write Inc.' scheme. A list of Year 5 & 6 common exception words will be uploaded onto Google Classroom.

Maths – Children will be set a weekly task to complete on My Maths – this will be set on Google Classroom.

English – Children will be set a weekly reading, grammar or writing task that relates to work covered in school. This work will be set on google classroom.

It is expected that all children will complete these tasks and provision will be made for these to be completed in school during pupils' free time if they are not completed on time at home.

Additional Independent Learning for All Pupils - Optional

Each half term class teachers will provide a selection of projects and activities linked to the pupils' current learning journey, this will be uploaded onto Google Classroom.

It is for pupils to decide how they wish to respond to these projects and these are provided as additional opportunities for pupils who wish to complete them. Pupils may wish to complete these projects as individuals, family groups or with groups of friends.

Summary of homework expectations for KS1 and KS2

	Minimum expectations for all pupils				Additional, optional learning opportunities	
	Reading	Spelling	Number Learn Its	Additional Set Tasks	Creative Homework	Busy things, Purple Mash, PiXL Times Table App
Reception	Library book to share with parent weekly. Levelled reading book when ready.	Sound books – ongoing daily practice	n/a	n/a	20 mins a day/ 2 hours a week maximum	yes
Year 1	15 minutes daily	1 task each week	5-10 minutes daily	n/a	20 mins a day/ 2 hours a week maximum	Yes
Year 2	15 minutes daily	1 task each week	5-10 minutes daily	n/a	20 mins a day/ 2 hours a week maximum	yes
Year 3	20 minutes daily	1 task each week	5-10 minutes daily	My Maths	20 mins a day/ 2 hours a week maximum	yes
Year 4	20 minutes daily	1 task each week	5-10 minutes daily	My Maths	20 mins a day/ 2 hours a week maximum	yes
Year 5	20 minutes daily	1 task each week	revision	My Maths 1 English based task	20 mins a day/ 2 hours a week maximum	yes
Year 6	20 minutes daily	1 task each week	revision	My Maths 1 English based task	20 mins a day/ 2 hours a week maximum	yes