

HOMEWORK AT HOCKLEY HEATH ACADEMY 2016 –2017

At our school, we aim to make learning fun and accessible in order to encourage our children to extend their learning after school in an exciting and creative way. Homework is a great way for children to share what they have been learning in school with their families. It also allows the children to consolidate what they have learnt, make choices about their learning and to acquire new skills. We don't want homework to be a negative experience for our children; we aim for it to be positive and rewarding.

Homework at Hockley Heath Academy will consist of the following:-

- Daily reading practice for all year groups
- Consolidation of Maths skills
- Spelling
- Independent, theme based learning which will incorporate Maths, English and other curriculum areas.

Daily Reading Practice

All children will bring home reading books appropriate to their reading ability and a reading diary which should be completed by parents. There will be daily reading sessions for all children during the school day which will focus on colour banded books or ability appropriate texts. They will all have regular access to the school library where they are free to choose a book of their choice. Reading books and diaries must be brought into school every day.

Consolidation of Maths

Every Friday, your child's teacher will set them tasks using Mathletics. The task will relate to the work covered in class that week and will be set at a level appropriate to your child's ability. If your child does not have access to the internet at home, please let us know. When there is not a Mathletics activity which corresponds to the week's learning, an alternative activity will be set.

Spellings

All children will receive words in their diaries, which focus on a spelling pattern being taught. These will vary depending on the words each child may have found difficult during the daily spelling sessions.

Independent, Theme Based Learning

At the start of each half-term, children will be given a set of six homework activities which support the topic theme for each class. The six activities will cover a variety of subjects and will always include a Maths or English focus. Over the course of a half-term, children can choose one activity per week to complete. If a child has a busy weekend or evening, they can choose an activity which warrants less time to complete. The activities must be completed in the homework journals which are provided. The journals will be given out on a Friday and the completed task must be handed in on Wednesday, when it will be checked by the class teacher.