

Stoke Damerel Primary Academy



Homework Policy

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Stoke Damerel Primary Academy Leadership

We define homework as any activity that pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members. At Stoke Damerel Primary Academy, we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of developing this partnership.

Why give homework?

- It can inform parents about work going on in class;
- It can further stimulate enthusiasm for learning;
- It takes advantage of the home environment and resources and the chance for some one-to-one adult time;
- It can be a great source for gathering topic information to share with all the children;
- It is a great opportunity to rehearse key skills such as times tables, doubling facts, addition sums, spellings, handwriting and other key facts;
- It helps to foster good habits of organization and self-discipline in preparation for the demands of Secondary School.

Homework at our school

Homework is set to promote the importance of regular practise of the core skills of Reading, Spelling, Times Tables and Mathematics.

Whilst we support all of the above key principles, Stoke Damerel Primary Academy is not a school at which homework dominates home and school life. We accept that not every activity will capture children and parents' imagination and that weekends can sometimes be busy. We believe that homework should be enjoyable and manageable for all concerned and that if it becomes a chore/burden/source of conflict it ceases to be a constructive aspect of teaching and learning.

We specify the weekly expectations for children in each year group below, and we encourage children and families to set their own routines to be able to complete these. Individual teachers are happy to give advice.

Our Core Homework routines and expectations

All classes set Core Homework weekly. If it is a piece that needs handing in, it is expected to be returned by the following week.

All children have access to an appropriate level reading book from their Class Library. These books will be changed once the child has completed the book or with class teacher consultation. At Stoke Damerel Primary Academy, we encourage all children to read for at least 20 minutes every day and to record this with an adult in their Reading Record so that they can be awarded stars on their reading reward bookmarks in school.

Spelling homework will be sent home every week, after the children have been taught the focused spelling rule during the week. The children will then be tested on them each week and class teachers will record their scores.

Children in KS1 and KS2 have an account on TimesTables Rockstars and can participate in games and tournaments to practise their age-appropriate tables. These are available at all times, and we encourage all children to practise at least once a week.

The tasks set will not always need to be handed in; there are other ways in which teachers will respond or give feedback, for example, sharing results in class discussion, putting work onto a display or transferring work into class books.

Rewarding effort

We will reward Homework in the following ways:

- Dojos
- Positive praise
- Reward time

We hope the children are motivated by positive incentives and by the tasks themselves; class teachers will monitor homework and individual Reading Records and if a child consistently fails to complete and return tasks, this is discussed with the child and their parents/carers.

Further notes

It is our policy not to give additional homework beyond term-time spellings and reading over the holidays and half term breaks. The exception will be where the parents/carers and teacher agree extra work would be beneficial.

Our additional needs teaching assistants may send specific tasks home to support the learning of the children they support. Again, this will be discussed with parents.

What to do if you have concerns

If you find the homework inappropriate for your child, if they lack interest, if it becomes a battleground or if you are concerned that homework is given inconsistently please talk with your child's teacher in the first instance.

If you still have concerns, please talk with **any member of the Stoke Damerel Primary Academy leadership team.**