



PRIDE IN EXCELLENCE

HOMEWORK POLICY

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At Purley Oaks we believe that interesting and challenging homework can play an important part in raising standards of achievement of all our pupils.

Our definition of homework is any work or activities which pupils are asked to do outside lesson time – either on their own or with parents AND carers. It is not finishing off lesson work. However, on occasion, some children will be asked to complete some class work.

The purpose of homework at Purley Oaks is to:

- Develop individual responsibility and organisation skills
- Extend and support the learning activities offered to pupils
- Provide opportunities for parents/carers and pupils to work together and to enjoy and share learning experiences
- Promote independent thinking
- Help pupils to develop a routine of studying
- Help pupils to develop their research skills
- Increase parental/carer knowledge about the curriculum

How much homework?

Reading

All pupils will be expected to take home a reading book and their planner daily. In nursery, children take home a book to share with parents. In reception and key stage 1, the class teacher or teaching assistant will ensure that the books are matched to the child's phonics phase. In reception, reading books will be sent home twice every week. In key stage 2, book selection is differentiated and class teachers will check book selection is appropriate.

In the infants, planners are expected to be signed by parents daily and initialled or stamped at least twice weekly by teachers. In KS2, children will complete journal activities in class having read stories.

Spellings

Children will be taught specific phonic patterns and spelling rules (see spelling non – negotiables and National Curriculum).

In KS2, children will learn these rules and collect words that follow the pattern. Children will access examples of the rules on Google Classroom. Differentiated spelling tests will be conducted every Friday, in planners.

In KS1, children will access the 10 words to learn that are linked to their phonic phase on Google Classroom. Tests will be conducted on Fridays in planners.

In Reception, the children are expected to learn the tricky words set by Little Wandle. These will be sent home in the homework books throughout the year and can be seen on Google Classroom.

All children may also be given words to learn from the list of essential words for their year group.

Times tables test

Years 1 to 6 weekly times tables test will be completed in children's planners, on a Friday. Children can practise using Times Tables Rock Stars.

The following skills should be practised at home (all posted on Google Classroom)

Reception: find the total number of items in two groups by counting all of them; say the number that is one more or one less than a given number. Subtract/take away ones; double and halve ones; share small numbers into groups.

Children in Year 1 should learn number bonds to 10 and to 20 with speed. Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

Children in Year 2 should know number bonds to 20 and 100 with speed, count in steps of 2, 3, 5, and 10 starting from any number, count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

Children in Year 3 should count in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100, find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number; recall times tables facts and associated division facts for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10.

Children in Year 4 should count in multiples of 6, 7, 9, 25 and 100; find 100 more or less than a given number; recall all times tables facts and associated division facts up to 10×10 .

Children in Year 5 should add and subtract numbers mentally with increasingly large numbers; recall times table facts and associated division facts up to 12×12 .

Children in Year 6 should perform mental calculations, including those with mixed operations (+, -, \times and $-$).

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Weekly Homework

	Reading	Spellings Fridays	Phonics (out on Fri return on Weds)	Reading (passage and questions given on Fri, discussion on content Wed)	Times Tables Fridays	Mental Maths
R	Daily	Weekly test	Yes	Scheme books x1		Number
1	Daily	Weekly test	Yes	Scheme books x1	Weekly test	Number
2	Daily	Weekly test	Yes	Scheme books x1	Weekly test	Number
3	Daily	Weekly test	if needed	Weekly	Weekly test	Number
4	Daily	Weekly test		Weekly	Weekly test	Number

	Reading	Spellings Fridays	Grammar	Reading (passage and questions given on Fri, discussion on content Wed)	Times Tables Fridays	Arithmetic
5/6	Daily	Weekly test	CGP Tue & Thur	Weekly	Weekly test	CGP Tue & Thur