

Powick Church of England Primary School



Homework Policy

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Powick CE Primary School

'Embracing Learning Together'

At Powick CE Primary School we are a caring Christian community where everyone is welcome and, following the example set by Jesus, we thread kindness and compassion through everything we do. Through working together, we desire for everyone in our community to flourish by developing their God given talents.



At Powick, we recognise that opportunities to learn extend beyond the school day. In line with our Christian vision, we aim for all of our children to grow to be caring and kind members of our school and wider community who have a love of learning in many different contexts. Therefore, we recognise the importance of completing learning in collaboration with others at home along with giving opportunities to repeat key learning to aid recall.

Homework will:

- Consolidate and reinforce learning completed at school
- Give opportunities for children to look more deeply into areas of interest
- Extend school learning
- Involve Parents / Carers in their child's education

Early Years and Key Stage 1

Years R, 1 and 2

Year R We will encourage your child to;

- Read home-share book and reading practise book at least 5 times a week
- Use weekly phonics sheets to embed learning at home
- Talk about the things your child notices around them and encourage them to explain their reasoning eg. I think that because...

Years 1 and 2 We will expect your child to;

- Read their reading book daily to an adult
- Practice handwriting activities set by the teacher
- Complete any spelling practice / phonics activities set by the teacher
- Use online maths activities set by the teacher to support their maths learning in school.

Key Stage 2

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

In Key Stage 2 your child will be expected to;

- Read their reading book daily (to an adult until they are fluent readers when this can be managed independently by your child)

- Practice the Year Group spelling words provided by the teacher at the beginning of the year. These should be applied in written work whenever possible.
- Use online maths activities set by the teacher to support their maths learning in school.

There may, at times, be additional homework set to support your child's individual needs.

Year 6 may receive additional extra support through targeted booster groups and revision books supplied by school.

Project Work for Years 1-6

Project Work is a creative approach to doing homework for Years 1-6 and encourages children to develop research skills:

- Each term, the children will receive a grid with several project choices.
- Children must choose and complete one of the projects in the time given by the teacher (a maximum of 4 projects in a term).
- Parents and teacher must sign to acknowledge the completion of the child's project.
- Projects must be handed in on the given date and will be shared in and across classes.
- The Project Book will return home and another project will be completed.

What can you do to help?

At Powick we greatly appreciate all the help and support parents and carers can give in ensuring that their child receives maximum benefit from the homework set. In particular, you can help by;

- Encouraging your child with their homework and praising them when they complete it
- Doing all you can to provide a reasonably peaceful, suitable place where your child can do their homework
- Allowing your child to work independently as much as possible
- Regularly checking and signing your child's Reading Record book or supporting them to manage this independently in KS2.

All teachers will acknowledge completed homework.

Reading records will be checked and any concerns will be discussed with the Parents / Carers.

Additional activities you can do at home to support your child's learning:

- Reading
 - for pleasure - books, comics, magazines
 - for information - books, signs, labels, titles of TV programmes, instructions, recipes etc
- Maths - helping with the shopping, how much things will cost, how many packets need to be bought, measuring ingredients for cooking
- Research - finding out about things by talking to people, asking questions, looking at books, magazines, newspapers, TV programmes or information books
- Computers - encouraging your child to use computers to support their learning
- Discussion - talking about different things with your child (practising communication skills)
- Writing - birthday / Christmas cards, thank you letters, shopping lists, their own stories etc
- Sport - attending sporting activities and clubs
- Music - practising favourite songs, learning to play an instrument
- Art - artistic hobbies such as drawing, painting, needlework, cutting and sticking
- Organised groups - attending Cubs, Brownies, Guides, Sea Scouts, Sunday School, etc (Developing Citizenship)
- Board games are great for practising word and number skills