



Buckden Church of England Primary Academy

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Homework Expectations

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone that came along to the Parents Evenings this week, it was so nice to see so many of you in school and we hope it was a good opportunity to reflect on your children's progress and view their work.

As we reach the half-way point of the academic year, we have been reflecting on some of our processes in school and would like to take this opportunity to share with you our newly updated Homework policy.

The purpose of this review was to ensure that we have consistency in homework across the school and to ensure progression right from Reception to Year 6. We have received feedback from some of our past pupils who have moved on to Secondary school settings to say that they have felt that for some, the jump up to homework expectations when they reached Year 7 was too great. We want our pupils to feel as best prepared for Secondary school as possible, including being able to tackle the demands of home study. We also needed to take in to account the Government's recommendations of home study, including daily reading. We have therefore made some careful adjustments to our expectations on homework right across the school.

As a school, we believe that instilling the principles of learning in our pupils is paramount, and should begin as early as possible. We feel that our new Homework policy reflects this, and helps all of our pupils to extend their learning beyond the classroom. We hope that as Parents and Carers, you are able to support us with this by encouraging your children to engage with homework in a positive way. This forms part of the Home/School agreement, which you and your child will have been asked to agree to when they started at Buckden.

Below is an easy to access table of expectations, outlining the recommended amount of homework in each of the year groups across the school. The newly adapted Homework Policy in its entirety can be found at www.buckdenschool.co.uk/policies, under curriculum policies; which provides you with more details on the rationale and procedures that we follow.

If you are finding it difficult to support your child with completing their homework, or your child is struggling to complete it within the time set, please be aware that we will be running a weekly homework club. This will operate over a lunchtime and will be run by staff, where support will be readily available to help solve any problems or provide additional support to help them to complete the tasks.

| Year | Maths | Spelling | Reading | Selling, Punctuation and Grammar |
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| Reception | Numbots 3 times a week 10 mins | | Reading, 3 days a week minimum for 20mins | |
| 1 | Numbots 3 times a week 15 mins | 5 spellings and a dictation sentence | Y1 – Reading, 3 days a week minimum for 20mins | |
| 2 | Numbots 3 times a week 15 mins | Spelling – common exception words dependent on scheme found on blog, continuously tested daily throughout the scheme | Reading, 3 days a week minimum for 20mins – with comprehension questions/book is discussed with an adult | |
| 3 | TT Rockstars 3 times a week 15 mins | 7 spellings based a spelling rule each week these are on the blog and they are tested on a Friday. | Reading, 3 days a week minimum for 20mins – with comprehension questions/book is discussed with an adult | |
| 4 | TT Rockstars At least 3 times 15 minutes | 10 Spellings (5 minutes a day) | Reading, 3 days a week minimum for 20mins – with comprehension questions/book is discussed with an adult | |
| 5 | TT Rockstars At least 2 times 15 minutes 1 Fluency – 15 minute task | 10 Daily spelling practise (5 minutes a day) | Reading, 3 days a week minimum for 20mins – with comprehension questions/book is discussed with an adult | 1 SPaG (Spelling, grammar and punctuation)– 15 minute task |
| 6 | 2 maths – SATs Companion (30 mins) TT Rockstars and additional SATs Companion tasks can always be accessed | 10 Daily spelling practise (10 minutes a day) | Reading, 3 days a week minimum for 20mins – with comprehension questions/book is discussed with an adult | 2 SPaG (Spelling, grammar and punctuation)– SATs Companion (30mins) |

Kind regards

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