



The Federation of Winklebury Infant and Junior Schools

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Dear Parents

Children in Years 3 to 6 should bring their first piece of homework home today. Children in Years 1 and 2 should bring their first piece of homework home on Friday 23rd September. **Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due back in the following Tuesday in the Junior School and the following Wednesday in the Infant School.** Each child will have a homework book which he/she will bring to and from school and will only be used for homework activities and tasks. They will also have a reading record book that is an important record of the reading activities that they complete both at home and at school and therefore needs to be in school everyday and taken home every evening. Year R will have different activities and they will not be formal as for those for the other year groups. Homework in Year R will be introduced slowly over the next few weeks.

Expectations

The following table gives you a guide as to what homework is set for your child and how long each activity should take.

| | Year R | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| <u>Daily Reading</u> | 5 minutes | 5 minutes | 10 minutes | 10 minutes | 15 minutes | 20 minutes | 20 minutes |
| <u>Daily Spellings/words</u> | 5 minutes | 10 minutes | 10 minutes | 10 minutes | 10 minutes | 10 minutes | 10 minutes |
| <u>Weekly English or Maths</u> | 10 minutes | 15 minutes | 20 minutes | 25 minutes | 25 minutes | 30 minutes | 30 minutes |
| <u>Occasionally Other</u> | 10 minutes | 15 minutes | 15 minutes | 25 minutes | 25 minutes | 30 minutes | 30 minutes |

During the Spring and Summer term Year 6 may have English and Maths tasks to complete each week in order to help them prepare for their end of year tests and transition to secondary school.

We believe that other extra curricular activities such as sport are equally important and that it is the responsibility of parents and children to make time for all activities to be completed. If there is an issue with insufficient time for completing homework activities then parents should speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

Some children who have special educational needs may not be able to access the activities given to the rest of the class, and individual arrangements will be made for these children in consultation with the class teacher.

One of the main advantages of homework activities is that parents and children are able to work together and parents are part of the learning process. For some families available space, a quiet place or resources for completing activities may be an issue. In these circumstances, and in consultation with the class teacher, time could be made available after school when school resources are made available for these families or individual children so that no child is disadvantaged.

All children are expected to complete the set homework activities unless there has been an agreement with the child's class teacher. There may be some instances where homework is not completed due to an exceptional circumstance but this needs to be agreed with the class teacher in advance or a written note sent to the class teacher (from the child's parent) on the day the homework is due in. If homework is not completed and there is no acceptable reason, the child will spend time completing the task on Tuesday lunchtime in the junior school and Wednesday lunchtime in the infant school. If there is continued non-compliance we will contact you to make you aware of the situation and parents and the child may be asked to meet with a senior member of staff.

We hope you will support your child with his/her homework, but please remember it must be your child's work recorded in his/her book, not yours or an older brother's or sister's! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's classteacher.

Yours sincerely

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