



Flockton CE First School Homework Policy 2021

Rooted in the community.

Branching into the future.

Walking together in the light of the Lord.

At Flockton First School, we believe that students should be encouraged to organise their time. We believe this is an important skill which will benefit our pupils as they progress through their education. We encourage our pupils to manage their homework in a way that fits with home. We also acknowledge that many children are involved in activities outside of school that are equally beneficial, and believe that in the primary years' homework should not stop children developing other skills, joining out of school activities, and enjoying quality family time.

In order to make homework meaningful and accessible to all children we have streamlined activities. We are hopeful that in this way students and parents are clear about expectations.

Homework for all year groups will therefore predominantly consist of the following activities each week:

- Reading – books provided from school, reading books from home and by visiting a library
- Learning spelling patterns/ phonics
- Learning timetables / number facts

On occasion a child may be asked to research or prepare a specific piece of work to contribute to a topic, but this will not be every week. There are lots of activities which are beneficial to children and can be enjoyed with parents /carers and we would encourage all families to take part in. These activities may not be specifically set by school but children will benefit from taking part in them and we know these are already enjoyed by many families.

These might include some of the following, but this is not an exhaustive list:

- reading to a family member
- listening to a family member reading or telling stories
- reading silently for pleasure or information
- visiting the library
- learning by heart: rhymes, songs, poems, lines / words for performance
- playing games, e.g. snakes and ladders, I-spy, monopoly
- developing physical skills e.g. throwing and catching
- practical maths activities e.g. measuring
- musical activities
- handwriting practice
- drawing and art activities
- simple craft and technology activities
- consolidating number facts
- writing activities, e.g. letters, cards
- growing things
- cooking
- visiting museums / nature parks

At Flockton First School, we suggest about the following amount of time be spent on homework per week. Creating an expectation of follow up work at home, and managing time to include it will help children as they move through the education system where an increasing amount of self-study will take place.

- Reception : 30 minutes
- Years 1 & 2 : 30 minutes – 1 hour
- Years 3 & 4 : 1 hour – 1 hour 30 minutes
- Year 5 : 1 hour – 2 hours

The development of positive attitudes:

- Homework should be enjoyable; it should not be a chore
- Quality time should be planned in for the completion of homework – little and often works best with younger children
- It should help children to develop good attitudes to learning (positive parental involvement and feedback can help with this)
- It should not interfere with other appropriate activities or hobbies which children might want to undertake

Home learning books:

Home learning books are used as a way of communicating homework between home and school. Children should use the books to record their homework and can be a way of liaising between home and school.

If you have any queries please speak to your child's teacher.