



Homework Programme

Puffins Class

HOMEWORK PROGRAMME – GROWING STRONG BRAINS FOR LIFE-LONG LEARNING

We have a whole school homework programme using published 'Ten Minute Weekly Workout' workbooks. The workbooks will not always follow the work that your child has been doing during the week, but will engage your child in revisiting and trying to recall previously taught knowledge and skills. This is called 'spiral learning'.

The Weekly Workouts can be challenging and it is expected that your child may need to complete them with the support of an adult. They may well take more than 10 minutes! When your child has completed their weekly workout it should be marked by an adult at home and tricky questions can then be looked at together, before handing in to the class teacher.

The Weekly Workouts help parents to understand the very high standards that are expected of children. Don't worry if your child has to work hard with you to complete the tasks, this is expected. Research has shown that greater effort made in trying to recall and practise information and skills results in stronger learning connections within the brain, consequently learning is stronger and is more likely to remain in the long term memory.

The Weekly Workout workbooks form our school's core homework programme, all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 will be given Weekly Workout homework books. These include:

- Maths Weekly Workout (Years 1 to Year 6)
- English Weekly Workout (Year 1 to Year 6)
- Multiplication Tables Weekly Workout (Year 2 to Year 6).

Reading

Children will still be expected to read their reading book daily. There may be additional tasks to complete on an occasional basis, such as research or planning a presentation and preparing a poem for the termly poetry recitals.

Spellings

Your child will not bring home weekly spellings to learn, but we will send home a copy of the National Curriculum wordlist that your child should be able to read and spell by the end of the year. It would really help your child if you could help them practise words from the lists throughout the year.

Activity Passports

We will be continuing with the *Activity Passport*. All Year groups from Reception to Year 6 have a list of twenty activities that they are encouraged to take part in at home and use their Passport books to record evidence by the end of the school year.

If you have any questions about your child's homework, please ask your child's class teacher.

In Puffins class:

Please can all homework books be completed, marked and handed in on Monday or Tuesday. This is important to ensure that the class teachers have time to look at the homework completed before handing it back.

Thank you in advance for your support with your child's homework.