



Homework Policy 2026

Shine Your Light

*“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven.”
(Matthew 5:16)*

At Trefonen school, we believe that homework plays an important role in supporting children’s learning and strengthening our school’s vision of ‘Shine Your Light’ through the partnership between home and school. Homework provides opportunities for pupils to practise key oracy skills, develop independence and share their learning with family members. It also is excellent preparation in transitioning to secondary school and further learning. Our policy outlines the types of tasks children may receive, and the expectations for pupils, parents and staff.

We aim to ensure that homework is inclusive, meaningful, achievable and age-appropriate, helping every child to build confidence and progress. We are committed to providing a balanced approach that supports learning while allowing children time for rest, play, exercise and family life.

DAILY - Reading, Reading, Reading!

The most important ‘Homework’ you can do is read with your child. This includes all children from Reception to Year 6. This involves listening to them, helping them with words, discussing what they have read and reading to them. General ‘book chat’!

Every child has a Reading Record, which they bring to school and take home daily for you to record their reading in. In Years 4, 5 and 6 the children can make entries themselves, however we still expect parents to read with them and make entries in the records.

WEEKLY - Maths

In maths, homework is designed to help children deepen their understanding rather than simply complete more questions. Years 6 and 5 have homework tasks set weekly through www.maths.co.uk Year 4 will have homework tasks set weekly in the Summer term, as preparation for Year 5. Tasks focus on practising key skills, exploring mathematical ideas in different ways and developing confidence through small, achievable steps. This approach encourages children to think carefully, explain their reasoning and apply their learning to real-life situations, helping them build strong and secure mathematical foundations.

Helping your child learn to tell the time (analogue, digital and 24 hour) and know their times tables by heart is an excellent way to engage in their maths and help them flourish.

In EYFS BBC Numberblocks will support pupils and you can support maths homework by encouraging your child to talk through their thinking rather than rushing to the answer. Asking simple questions—such as “How do you know?” or “Can you show me in another way?”—helps children deepen understanding and build confidence. Providing a calm space, celebrating effort, and practising key number facts in everyday situations (like cooking, shopping, or telling the time) can also make a big difference. Most importantly, you don’t need to *teach* the maths—just being positive, patient and interested supports the mastery approach beautifully.

TERMLY - Learning Poems by Heart

As homework, once each term, pupils will be asked to choose a poem to learn by heart and perform in class. This forms an important part of our oracy curriculum, helping children develop confidence in speaking, clear expression and the ability to use their voice effectively. Learning poetry is an inclusive activity that also strengthens memory, rhythm, vocabulary and a love of language.

This activity links closely to our **'Shine Your Light'** school vision, giving every child the chance to celebrate their individuality and shine in front of their peers. Whether through expressive reading, thoughtful interpretation, or simply the courage to stand and speak, each child has the opportunity to share their strengths in a positive, respectful, friendly, kind and supportive environment.

ANNUALLY - Project and Presentation

In the Summer term, our **'Shine Your Light'** homework project is a special task that invites every pupil to design and create their own presentation or project to share with their class. Children can choose a topic that inspires them—something they love, are proud of, or would like to teach others about.

The project supports our inclusive school vision by encouraging pupils to recognise their own strengths and celebrate what makes them unique. It also plays an important role in developing our oracy curriculum, giving children the chance to practise speaking clearly, expressing ideas with confidence and listening respectfully to others.

Whether pupils choose to show and tell, create a poster, model, slideshow, booklet, performance or something entirely different, this is a wonderful opportunity for them to shine. We look forward to seeing their creativity, enthusiasm and individuality come to life in their presentations whilst being kind and respectful active listeners.

Homework that helps every child shine through confident reading, maths and oracy

Our homework activities help children grow as confident, independent learners while supporting our **'Shine Your Light'** school vision. Daily reading strengthens essential skills and nurtures a love of books, while weekly maths tasks build secure understanding and encourage children to explain their thinking.

Learning a poem each term and taking part in our annual **'Shine Your Light'** project both play an important role in developing pupils' speaking and listening skills. These activities help children express themselves clearly, celebrate their individuality, and share their strengths with others.

Overall, our homework approach is designed to be meaningful, balanced and inclusive — helping every child to shine in their own way and prepare them for their future learning.

We would also like to recommend:

For Multiplication tables - www.timestables.co.uk

For lots of fun and educational activities the DFEs [My Activity Passport](#)