

As we begin our Year 6 journey together, we are increasingly preparing the children for the transition to secondary school. One of the biggest changes they will experience when they move to high school is the increased expectation around homework and taking responsibility for their own learning.

With this in mind, we will be introducing weekly homework for all children in Year 6.

What will homework look like?

Children will receive one piece of homework each week. Homework will be handed out on a **Thursday** and should be completed and returned to school by the following **Thursday**.

Each child will have a homework book. The instructions for the weekly homework will be stuck into this book, so it is important that children bring their homework book to and from school each week.

Homework may include activities linked to:

- **Mathematics** – times tables, arithmetic, problem-solving and consolidation of learning.
- **Reading** – reading regularly and responding to what they have read.
- **Grammar** – practising key skills and vocabulary.
- **History** – research, projects and activities linked to our current learning.
- **Creative and independent tasks** – giving children opportunities to demonstrate their learning in different ways.

Developing independence

The most important aspect of homework is to develop the children's independence. We would therefore encourage children to take ownership of their homework.

This means remembering to:

- Bring their homework book home on a Thursday.
- Read and understand the instructions.
- Organise themselves so that they complete the task on time.
- Ask for help when they need it.
- Bring their completed homework and book back to school on Thursday.

Of course, we recognise that children will sometimes need support, and we greatly appreciate parents and carers encouraging and helping them when appropriate. However, where possible, we would like the child to remain responsible for completing and remembering their homework, rather than this becoming something that is managed entirely by adults.

We see homework as an important part of preparing children for the increased independence they will need at high school. Developing these habits now will help to make their transition to secondary school smoother and less daunting.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,
The Year 6 Team