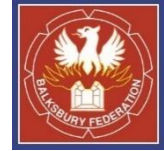


# Homework Statement



## What is Homework at Balksbury Federation?

Homework refers to activities given to children by their teachers to be completed at home within a set time.

From September 2024, Balksbury Federation will set homework as paper based rather than online, and all children will be provided with a homework book.

Each week homework will be set on a Monday and will be due to hand in the following Monday.

Each Tuesday the federation will run a homework drop-in session from 3:15pm to 4:30pm **for both the infant and junior school children**. This will be held at the junior school in Spruce Year 6 Class. The aim of this drop in session is to:

- Provide a support for parents with 'how children are taught' the national curriculum in class. For example, some of the maths methods
- Provide a support for parents in discussing how to organise homework at home
- Provide children with support if they are not quite sure what to do

Homework is about consolidating class work so teachers will not be sending home anything that hasn't been taught before. It will be set each week and not weeks in advance and will not be an overwhelming amount. Homework is also an opportunity for families to keep in touch with what their children are learning.

## What Homework Will be Set?

### Year R

- Phonics consolidation activities set weekly
- Daily reading of the child's decodable reader
- Maths activity

### Year 1

- Phonics consolidation activities set weekly
- Daily reading of the child's decodable reader
- Maths activity

### Year 2

- Daily reading of the set reading book
- Reading activity
- Maths activity

### **Year 3 & Year 4**

- Daily reading of the set reading book
- Reading activity
- Maths activity

### **Year 5 & Year 6**

- Daily reading of the set reading book
- Reading activity
- Maths activity
- Spelling activity

## **Does My Child Have to do Homework?**

If a family disagrees with homework, they should place in writing to the Headteacher that their child will not be completing the homework alongside the reason why; this can then be kept in the child's school file.

## **Monitoring Homework**

Homework will be monitored on a regular basis by the Leadership Team using these guidelines as a basis for the evaluation process.

## **Feedback to Children**

Phonics homework is made up of consolidation and practise activities, therefore, a child will receive direct feedback in phonic lessons.

All other homework will be marked on a Monday either by an adult, or by honesty cards for children to evaluate their own learning.

## **Should Parents Help Their Child with Homework?**

Homework allows a family to see what a child is learning in class and to support them. This partnership between school and home is a vital part of successful education. We take the view that children are likely to get more out of an activity if parents get involved – as long as they do not take over too much. If you are unsure about how much help to give, you should discuss this at the drop in homework session, where a leader will be able to support you to get the right balance.