



HOMWORK POLICY

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Colman Junior School is a vibrant, enthusiastic, forward thinking and safe learning environment in which children are given every opportunity to complete a fulfilling primary school education.

At Colman Junior School we believe that homework plays an important part in a child's education. The benefit of doing homework must be instilled at an early age so that independent study can be achieved.

We are also aware that children have opportunities and experiences outside of school that are equally important in developing and enriching their lives. We give careful consideration to making homework well-balanced across the school.

This Homework Policy was developed in consultation with staff members, parents, pupils and with the full agreement of the Governing Body.

At Colman Junior School, our expectation is that all children will:

- Read every day for at least 20 minutes - reading to an adult is important as it allows the reader to develop fluency and accuracy and to talk about what they are reading. We believe that you are never too old or too good at reading to benefit from this. Reading practice should then be recorded in the reading record we provide for each child.
- Learn the weekly spellings set by their class teacher. Going over these words once or twice a day will help children to remember them, not just for a test but in their future work.
- Learn the maths facts and/or times tables set by their class teacher. These are important as they underpin all of the maths that children will do in the rest of their time in education; knowing these facts will make it easier for children to do maths, particularly as the ideas become more complex higher up the school and into high school.
- Discuss the topic of their next Big Write (fortnightly) with an adult at home for about 10 minutes; children who regularly complete their 'Talk Homework' feel more confident in tackling their written tasks.
- In Year 6 there will be some additional practice and revision work in English and Maths in preparation for SATs in May and for transition to high school.

If these activities are done regularly and thoroughly, it will make a big difference to children's confidence and progress.

There are also additional **optional** activities that children can do, such as using Mathletics on a computer or researching a topic being studied in class. There is no requirement for children to do any additional homework.