



Sheoak Grove Primary School

Interim Homework Statement

Homework reinforces and supports the things your children learn at school. It is designed to get your children thinking and applying what they learn in different ways and encourages them to become independent learners.

During the first years of primary school homework involves fun activities such as:

- reading with your children every day
- encouraging your children to draw, write and tell stories
- practising using numbers
- encouraging your children to observe things in nature and to ask questions.

As your children progress through school, they may receive specific tasks and projects designed to apply their knowledge in different ways – for example creative writing, oral presentations and assignments.

As your child moves into Years five and six you can help them by:

- setting aside a set time each day for homework (prioritising a balance that preferences play and relaxation)
- setting up a 'homework space' where your children can do their homework
- setting up a schedule for big projects that take longer to complete so they are not left with one day to finish it
- letting your children have a go at their homework first before helping them
- asking your children to explain what they have done – explaining things in their own words is a great way to learn
- checking your children's homework when they are done and working through any errors together
- knowing where your children are up to with their homework so they do not fall behind.

If your children are having problems with their homework or with a specific subject or project, ask their teacher to spend some extra time helping them through the task.

This statement will be reviewed by the School Board and amended in response to feedback gathered from our parent community and staff during 2020.