



Sheoak Grove Primary School



HOMEWORK STATEMENT



Background

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.

The Early Years

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.

Middle Primary

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.

Finding the Right Mix

Homework can help children find suitable after school routines, but it should just be part of a healthy range of activity. Just like adults, children need to find a balance between school, sport, the arts, music and recreational play. Don't forget - they've already had a big day of learning at school!

School holidays are a time for rest, recovery and relaxation.

Communication

It is important that parents communicate with classroom teachers to get to know the shared expectations that might be reasonably created for your child's school year.

Parents can do that by keeping updated through the class Connect page, talking to the teacher via email, and of course through having regular face-to-face conversations about student achievement and progress.