

All about homework

Homework is vital to learning. Below are some key points that should help you to support your child with homework.

Why

- We never stop learning. School work done at home is an excellent way of consolidating and extending the learning that has taken place during the school day.
- Homework gives children the chance to share their learning with family and friends.

Where

- The child should be encouraged to do his or her homework in a comfortable place that is free from distractions.

When

- The completion date for each piece of homework is written in this diary. To avoid last-minute panic, encourage the child to plan when to do it.
- The child should not do homework when tired.

How

- Homework should be a positive activity: encourage it but don't force it.
- Remind the child that presentation is important.
- Encourage independence. Should the child get stuck, encourage him or her to use any reference materials available.
- Help the child to join a library so that he or she can borrow reference books.
- Look at the child's individual targets, listed on pages 55 and/or 56, so that you know what he or she is working towards.
- Once the child has completed the homework, ask him or her to share it with you. If you are both happy with it, sign the diary. Add a comment if you wish.

What to do if there's a problem

- Sometimes the child may find a particular task too difficult or lengthy, even after consulting reference materials. If so, suggest that the child tries again later.
- You may feel it is necessary to stop the child. If so, you should note this in the diary.

Celebrate!

- Each week your child will be asked to record achievements and things that he or she has enjoyed at school and/or at home. Celebrate these together.