



Onslow Infant School

Homework Policy

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

Policy Review

This Policy was adopted June 2023
The Policy will be reviewed in June 2026

Homework will be appropriate for the child's age and stage of development and will therefore differ according to the child's year group and needs.

Reading

Parents should spend a short time (5-10 minutes) every day sharing a school reading book with their child. This may include the child reading to the parent, or the parent reading to the child to model the reading process. It is also beneficial to immerse children in a wide range of reading experiences every week, using a variety of books and other reading resources from school and home. Parents should write a brief comment in their child's reading record book every time they have heard them read.

Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception)

Daily reading as above. This may also include games to support the child's reading. Reception children will be given sound sheets to practice phonics they have been learning in class. Once completed, these should be uploaded to Tapestry. Other work will develop from the child's topic work and may be things for the child to look for e.g. things that begin with a certain sound or photos etc. This will be posted to Tapestry

Year 1

Parents should continue to share daily reading experiences with their child as above. Handwriting and maths homework is given out once a week, with explanations posted on Tapestry and should be completed with the support of an adult. Handwriting homework should be completed in a pencil sat a table. Letter formation and basic joins develop throughout the year to include key words and spelling patterns. Maths homework is often a practical activity to complete at home with an adult. Occasionally tasks are set on purple mash or our website. All completed homework should be uploaded to Tapestry. Additional homework may develop from topic work or a specific subject.

Year 2

Parents should continue to share daily reading experiences with their child. Each week the children will be given spellings to learn or a reading comprehension activity to complete. Year 2 children will be given a weekly maths activity to complete at home with an adult, although a greater level of independence is encouraged as the year progresses. This is normally set on Purple Mash, although occasionally this will be on Tapestry. All homework should be completed in pencil, unless the child has received a Pen Licence at school. Additional homework may be given related to a specific subject or current topic.

Some children e.g. those with an ECHP, may have additional/differentiated tasks to work on at home. These will have been discussed individually with the parents.

Work at home should be enjoyable and beneficial for the child. We feel that too much emphasis or pressure on children may be detrimental to the child's progress and confidence. Teachers will be available to talk to parents if worries occur.