



# Balcombe C E (C) School

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## Homework Policy

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**At Balcombe CE Primary School**, we will set homework to encourage children to practise skills and consolidate their learning in school. We will encourage them to organise themselves and begin to learn independently. Parental support is key and we will ensure that communication about homework is clear.

### **Reading (All year groups)**

We expect that all children read daily at home for a sustained period of time. We hope that parents of children in years R-3 will find the time to hear their children read every day in addition to sharing a book at bedtime. Older children should still **read daily** as this is hugely beneficial and although reading independently at this age is encouraged, sharing books with an adult at least three times a week is highly recommended as “book talk” with parents will help to develop their comprehension and understanding of more difficult texts.

Evidence shows that children who regularly share books with adults at home develop more fluency in reading, better comprehension skills and gain more enjoyment from texts. This not only improves reading confidence and skills for later life but leads to greater achievement in writing.

For pupils in years R to 3, parents should record what their children have read in their Reading Record books. Pupils in year 4 and above should take responsibility for recording and this will be checked by a member of teaching staff weekly. They are expected to record their responses to what they have read three times per week. Teachers provide examples of the type of responses required.

Pupils who do not complete this task at home will be asked to complete it during their break time.

### **Times tables (Y3-6)**

From Year 3, pupils also take part in a weekly time table challenge on a Tuesday. In preparation for this we expect that parents will help their child/ren to learn the relevant times table facts so that they are able to recall them at speed.

### **Maths tasks**

From Year 3, pupils will also be given a maths task to complete at home based on recent learning. This is an opportunity for them to practise skills and reinforce knowledge. Revisiting and practising content already taught helps to increase the amount of knowledge retained over time and aids retrieval of this information in the future.

### **Additional tasks at home**

Sometimes, children will be given other work to do at home, eg a piece of writing, a research project, a poem to practise and perform, lines to learn, a reading to practise for a church service and the occasional art/science competition.

Homework should be completed to a high standard and on time. We ask parents to discuss homework with children and look at it before it is returned to school.