



Homework Approach

Homework is a topic that often sparks diverse opinions among parents and educators. While some view it as a crucial part of the learning process, others find it a source of stress. Research suggests that homework can be beneficial, especially at the secondary school level, but its impact in primary school is less consistent. The *Education Endowment Foundation* highlights that the most effective use of homework in primary schools involves reinforcing skills learned in class, preparing for tests, and laying the groundwork for future lessons. Assigning homework on topics that students have not fully grasped can lead to confusion or demotivation. Additionally, homework can sometimes place pressure on family life, especially when it requires significant parental involvement, such as reading practice or multiplication drills.

At Wexham Court, we have carefully considered the available research, our community's needs, and our own experiences to shape our approach to homework.

Daily Tasks

Reading: We encourage pupils to read for 20 minutes each day, mixing silent reading with reading aloud to themselves and others. Parents can find helpful reading videos on our website.

Phonics: For those in phonics groups, reviewing sounds and reading assigned books is recommended.

Arithmetic: Pupils should practice number skills appropriate to their level, such as daily counting for EYFS, number bonds for KS1, and times tables for Years 3 to 6.

Weekly Tasks

Maths: A piece of math homework will be assigned weekly to reinforce what has been learned in school, either online or on paper.

Half-Termly Tasks

Enquiry: A choice of activities will be provided for pupils to complete with their parents over the half-term. These tasks are designed to promote discussion and reinforce vocabulary.

Our homework policy is designed to support meaningful learning, not just to keep children occupied. We understand that some parents may seek additional practice for their children, and there are plenty of resources available online and in stores. However, we also believe that children benefit greatly from exploring the world around them and engaging in conversations with their families. Simple activities like discussing everyday experiences can be just as valuable for their development as traditional homework tasks.