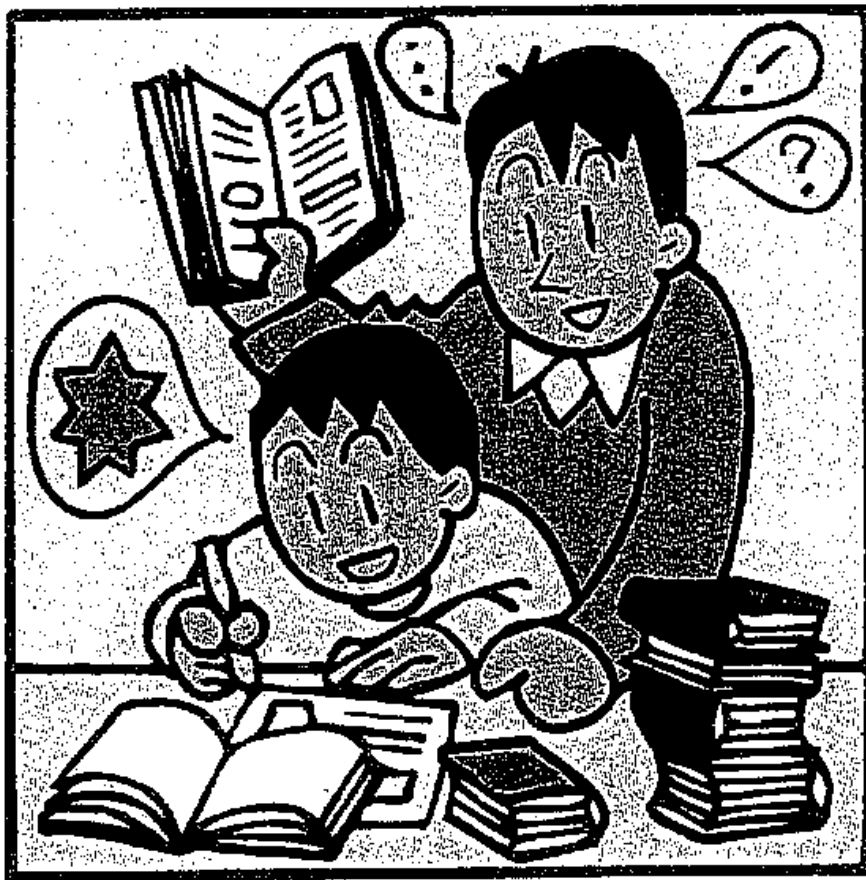


LEARNING AT HOME

Key Stage 2



Monks Orchard Primary School

Homework Policy

We, at Monks Orchard, believe that homework is important because it provides an opportunity for children to:

- Consolidate and reinforce skills and ideas learned in the classroom to raise standards of attainment.
- Improve basic skills, eg reading, tables, number bonds, etc.
- Extend classroom skills into the wider world and relate learning to their lives.
- Share experiences learned at school with parents and siblings, so developing effective home-school partnership.
- Prepare for independent study by developing the skills of self-discipline and confidence.
- Enjoy learning in an active way through games, puzzles and discussions.

**A PARENT IS THE CHILD'S NATURAL TEACHER.
SCHOOL AND HOME SHOULD WORK TOGETHER IN
HARMONY TO SUPPORT THE CHILD'S LEARNING.**



How Much Homework Should be Expected?

Years 3 and 4 : Spellings, maths, reading, times tables, Literacy (either comprehension or writing task).



Years 5 and 6 : Reading spelling, times tables mental maths tests, maths rapid recall targets and two activities per week, usually Literacy and maths or topic work.

How Long Should Homework Take?

Reading across Key Stage 2 should take place on a daily basis. Spelling, times tables and rapid recall targets should be covered on a weekly basis. Activities should take approximately 30 minutes in Years 3 and 4 and approximately 45 minutes in Years 5 and 6

How Can Parents Help?

- By encouraging your child to be responsible for bringing their homework home and returning it on time.
- By providing a suitable learning environment, eg quiet area, work table etc.
- By providing suitable equipment, eg pencil, paper.
- By supporting the child as appropriate (don't be afraid to help your child).

The homework will always have been explained to your child, ask them to explain exactly what they have been asked to do.

Please sign the diary or appropriate sheet after each piece of homework has been completed.

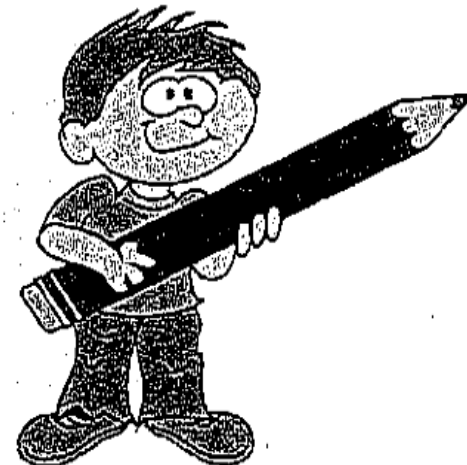
If your child loses their homework diary, please replace it with a suitable notebook.



Encourage your child to do their homework as soon as they get it and not leave it until the last minute.

What if the Work is Too Difficult?

Contact the class teacher either via the diary (your child will need to bring it to the teacher's attention) or letter explaining exactly what the problem involves.

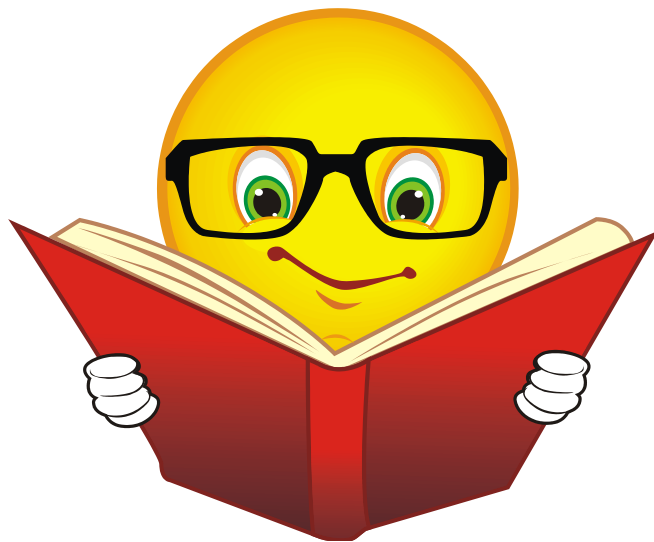


The Importance of READING

Reading continues to be one of the most important activities throughout your child's time in Key Stage 2.

A variety of books will be available for your child to bring home to either read with you or for their own independent enjoyment.

Each child will have a reading diary in which to record the books they have read together with any comments they or you wish to make.



Other Activities that Could Help Your Child

- **Cooking (discuss weights, capacities, timing).**
- **Shopping (lots of maths/science here; estimation, best value for money).**
- **Walking - exploring the environment.**
- **Visiting places of interest, eg museums, art galleries, concerts.**
- **Private research to support class topics, eg internet, library.**
- **Watching educational programmes on television.**
- **Sewing.**
- **Designing and making models.**
- **Painting, drawing.**
- **Keeping a diary.**
- **Writing stories.**
- **Making up quizzes.**
- **Completing puzzles, eg crosswords, word searches, Sudoku.**
- **LGFL activities on the school website (www.monksorchard.co.uk).**