



Acorn House

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Aim

The aim of homework is to consolidate class work and teach organisational and time management skills to students.

Some benefits of homework are:

1. Homework teaches students about time management.
2. Homework helps teachers determine how well the lessons and material are being understood by their students.
3. Homework gives students another opportunity to review the class material.
4. Homework gives parents a chance to see what their child is learning in school.
5. Homework teaches students that they have to do things, even when they don't want to.
6. Homework teaches students how to take responsibility for their part in the educational process.
7. Homework teaches students how to work independently.
8. Homework teaches students the importance of planning, staying organized and taking action.

Unfinished homework, with no valid reason may be completed during play time (1 justification per term is considered acceptable, any more will be treated with a formal report in the child's file).

English Homework guidelines and recommendations:

- **English daily homework**

Reception children will benefit of regular revision: vocabulary flash cards 5 minutes a day; phonic sounds and tricky words 5 minutes a day

KS1 – 10 mins spelling and 10 mins daily reading is recommended

KS2 –15 – 20 mins spelling and 15 – 20 mins daily reading is recommended

It is strongly recommended that your child completes some homework each day in order to support organizational and time management skills.

English weekly homework

Class	Homework	Time Weekly
YR 1	Writing	10 mins
	Math	20 mins
YR 2	Writing	15 mins
	Math	20 mins
YR 3	Reading comprehension	15 mins
	Writing	20 mins
	Math	20 mins
YR 4	Reading comprehension	20 mins
	Grammar & punctuation	20 mins
	Topic writing	30 mins
	Math	20 mins
YR 5	Reading comprehension	25 mins
	Grammar & punctuation	20 mins
	Topic writing	30 mins
	Math	30 mins
YR 6	Reading comprehension	30 mins
	Grammar & punctuation	30 mins
	Writing	20 mins
	Topic	20 mins
	Math	30 mins

Italian Homework guidelines and recommendations:

- **Italian daily homework:**

Year 2 – Year 3: 10 minutes per day to practice Italian reading

Year 4 – Year 5 – Year 6: 20 minutes per day to be spent reading/studying in Italian

It is strongly recommended that your child completes some homework each day in order to support organizational and time management skills.

Italian weekly homework

Class	Italian Homework typology	Time weekly
YR 2	Reading and new words comprehension Study of sounds and exceptions Copy short sentences or words/dictation of words, sentences, paragraph - Independent writing – cursive practice Mathematics	35' per week
YR 3	Reading and text comprehension Cursive practice –Independent writing/ Dictation of paragraph and grammar exercises Mathematics	55' per week
YR 4	Reading and text comprehension Writing task and grammar exercises Mathematics History/Geography & Science study – research projects	1h e 5' per week
YR 5	Reading and text comprehension Writing task and grammar exercises Mathematics History, Geography & Science study – research projects	1h e 45' per week
YR 6	Reading and text comprehension Composition (editing) /writing task and grammar exercises Mathematics History, Geography & Science studies – research projects	2h per week

Holidays during term

It is detrimental to a pupil's academic progress to miss school for any reason.

Parents/Guardians are asked to organise holidays during term breaks and holiday periods only. Parents/Guardians choosing to take students on holiday or away from the learning premises during scheduled school term time should be aware that the student will be disadvantaged and his or her grade may be adversely affected.

Parents/Guardians should be aware that there is a legal obligation that requires a child to attend school on all designated contact days. It is incorrect for Parents/Guardians to believe that they may allow a child to stay home from school without a reasonable cause, such as sickness. From year 2 to year 6 children are expected to participate yearly to at least 954 hours of learning time, In case of absences that will impede the child to participate to the minimum of 954 hours, the teachers' board will decide upon attentive scrutiny if the child is ready to pass to the following class. Singular cases will be attentively scrutinized by the board of teachers and the Head teacher.

Parents/Guardians must send their children to school unless:

- they are too unwell
- they have an infectious disease
- the Head teacher is provided with an acceptable reason on writing

If the **class teacher is directly notified in writing of any holiday arrangements at least a week prior to the child's absence, it may be possible, on compassionate grounds, by negotiation with the Curriculum Coordinator and the student's class teachers, to arrange homework for some or all of the period of absence.**

How can parents help?

The most important thing parents/carers can do is simply to take an active interest in their child's work.

Parental support is requested in helping to monitor their child's homework and in providing suitable conditions at home where homework can be completed to the best possible standard.

If there is a serious concern regarding homework, then parents/carers should contact the relevant class teacher.

We often receive questions and queries from parents and carers concerning a variety of aspects of homework. The guide below will help you to further support your child.

'What is my role in homework?'

Encouragement and support are key. Ensure that your child reads daily at least 10' in English and Italian. Help them to practice spelling daily and talk to them about any topic the children are learning in class. Pose them questions, children who verbalise their learning are more likely to retain the knowledge and apply the skills.

I'm busy and don't have time to help. What can I do?

During Reception and KS1 it's essential that you sit with them and work alongside them. Whilst in KS2 they should be able to work independently, but still it is fundamental to always show an interest in what they do. Ask questions and look for answers together on the weekly topic.

'My child's homework is too difficult for my child and often it doesn't get marked.'

The first thing to do would be to talk to your child and make sure of the facts. If there is an issue, contact your child's relevant teacher, make an appointment to discuss it.

'My child spends more time than is necessary on his / her homework.'

Pupils work at different speeds. However, if they are spending inordinate amounts of time on tasks write a note to your class teacher, stating how long has been spent on a task. The teacher will be made aware of the situation and can help the pupil to understand how to better manage their time.