



Chess Valley
Primary
Learning
Trust



HOMEWORK POLICY

Little Chalfont Primary School

Ready. Respectful. Resilient.

ETHOS

At Little Chalfont Primary School, we are **Ready, Respectful and Resilient** in all aspects of school life, including homework:

- Ready** to create homework that enables pupils to succeed
to give clear and timely instructions to pupils
- Respectful** to ensure activities can be completed by all pupils
to understand the needs of individual families and offer support
- Resilient** to provide suitable challenges for children to overcome
to be creative designing varied and interesting tasks

INTRODUCTION

At Little Chalfont Primary School, we understand that homework can be used to effectively support current learning in the classroom; tasks should be set that correlate to the curriculum covered.

We believe that there are five hallmarks to effective homework:

- Purpose: pupils should understand why the task is set and how it can be completed successfully
- Efficiency: the task set should be focused on the knowledge and skills required and take no longer than necessary
- Ownership: pupils perform better when they own or choose the task set
- Competence: homework must be appropriate to the ability of the pupils, enabling positive outcomes
- Aesthetic Appeal: tasks should be enticing and give pupils the chance to create well-presented tasks

We are conscious of the need to consider the wellbeing and work/life balance of all stakeholders within the school community:

- Homework should not put undue pressure on pupils or their families
- Staff should not be overburdened with excessive marking as a result of homework
- Parents will be able to understand the task and support their child/ren
- We encourage collaboration and support from any family member or friend to help pupils succeed

HOMEWORK SCHEDULE

Children are expected to read at home daily and those in KS2 should access Times Tables Rockstars at least once a week. Weekly tasks in reading, SPAG and maths will be closely aligned to the curriculum and serve to support skills and knowledge being developed in lessons. Termly projects will also be themed and linked to the curriculum, most likely the topic of study for that half term.

Homework will be provided to children via a Google Classroom announcement. This will include the above tasks. Homework will not have a due date and should not be handed in, instead their homework will serve as supporting resources to complete at home in their own time. There will be no request to see homework by the school and none of the tasks will be set as compulsory.

Homework will not be set over school holiday periods and teachers will not set homework to help pupils catch up, if they take holiday absence in term time.

Unfinished class work will not be sent home as homework, unless discussed and agreed with parents due to specific circumstances.