

Supporting your child with homework and independent learning

Introduction

Homework is used to compliment learning inside of the classroom enabling pupils to undertake independent learning to practice and consolidate skills, conduct in-depth inquiry, prepare for future lessons or revise for assessments.

Homework has a positive impact on pupil progress and allows pupils to build good study habits.

In Year 7, homework is set by core subjects (English, Maths & Science) weekly. MFL will set homework fortnightly and other subjects may set homework occasionally, particularly around assessment periods.

Recording of Homework

Pupils should record their homework in their planners.

Teachers will also set homework as an assignment on Microsoft Teams, which pupils can access using their school e-mail address and password.

If a pupil forgets their homework, then a "H" Be Ready Written Warning will be recorded in the pupil planner. Pupils will be given stamps for completed homework and high quality homework.

Supporting your child

Here are some top tips in supporting your child with their homework:

- Regularly check your child's planner for upcoming homework deadlines and any missed homework activities.
- D Provide a suitable quiet space for your child to complete their homework.
- □ Help your child create a regular routine for managing their homework.
- $\hfill\square$ Encourage your child to form good habits with their homework, including:
 - Completing homework at a suitable time of day.
 - Completing homework away from distractions such as mobile phones, social media and TV.
 - Not to rush through homework activities and complete to a high standard – making sure that the work is completed.
- Help, if needed, but not too much mistakes can be made on homework as it helps to identify learning going forwards.
- Ask your child general questions about what they have been learning in school and their homework activities.
- Use the subject specific strategies on the next page to further support your child.
- If your child does not have specific homework activities set, encourage your child to look back and revisit classwork from their subjects or complete some further reading around their subject areas.

In School Support

The school library is open every lunchtime and after school, providing a quiet learning environment where pupils can complete their homework.

The Limitless potential area of the school website:

<u>https://southhunsley.org.uk/limitless-potential/</u> has useful guides and a map of our curriculum for the core subjects.

If pupils are struggling with particular aspects of the work, they should speak to their class teacher, who will be able to support them.



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English

Pupils will be a set weekly homework for English on Read Theory and Teams. Pupils log in with their details given by their English teacher.

Supporting your child with English homework:

- □ Homework set will be relevant to the current topic. Ask pupils questions about what they have been learning about.
- Read Theory is comprehension style questions. Encourage pupils to take their time when reading the extract and read the questions carefully.

Maths

Pupils will be a set weekly homework on Maths Watch. Pupils log in with their school email address as their username and password. The password should be changed by the pupil when they first log in.

Supporting your child with Maths homework:

- Homework set will be relevant to the current topic. Ask pupils questions about what they have been learning about.
- Encourage pupils to look in their exercise book and/or watch the video that comes with the assigned task.
- Ensure pupils have something to write with and on so they show working out.

Other Useful Resources:

- BBC Bitesize KS3 Maths BBC Bitesize
- Corbett Maths Corbettmaths Videos, worksheets, 5-a-day and much more

Science

Pupils will be a set a variety of homework activities in Science. Homework set will be relevant to the current topic, or topics pupils have studied earlier in the year for retrieval and revision.

Supporting your child with science homework:

Every topic for one homework activity, pupils will be given a spellings list, to develop their science vocabulary. Quizzing your child on the different keywords during the week will help your child learn the words and spellings.

Other Useful Resources:

• BBC Bitesize - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zng4d2p

MFL

Pupils will be a set a variety of homework activities in MFL based on the topics and vocabulary they are studying in lessons.

Supporting your child with MFL homework:

Every pupil has a 'Learning Plan', which contains the core vocabulary and structures that will be covered throughout the year. This can be used as support when completing homework tasks. You could also use this to ask your child questions about the vocabulary and structures they have been using in lessons.

Other Useful Resources:

- BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2nygk7
- Sentence builders https://www.sentencebuilders.com/
- Quizlet <u>https://quizlet.com/</u>
- Duolingo