

WESTFIELDS INFANT SCHOOL

Homework Policy

We believe young children of Infant School age should not have a formal system for homework. However at Westfields Infant School we recognise homework is part of the wider partnership between parents and school. For this reason we have over many years asked for parental support in practising new skills or consolidating new ideas.

Guidelines

In partnership with parents we ask for help in the following ways:-

1. Phonics and sharing reading books on a regular basis
2. In Year R learning sight words and in Year 1 and 2 learning spellings
3. Additional work that supports topic work and other learning.

Any learning at home should take place over regular but short periods in a quiet, settled atmosphere. It is important that the child remains keen and interested and on no account should be forced to work against their will. It is important to show children that their work and efforts are valued, to make them aware how homework can help their learning and to give praise and encouragement. Parents' interest in, and praise of, their child's work along with the time spent in a constructive and relaxed atmosphere, are invaluable assets in enhancing children's academic skills.

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