

# ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY

## Homework Policy



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At Ashton West End we believe that education is a partnership between home and the academy, and as such we encourage parents and carers to take an active part in the education of their children. Homework is valuable in developing this partnership, and also in extending and consolidating the learning undertaken by children at academy.

### What is homework?

At Ashton West End we define homework as any academy-initiated work or activity undertaken out of lesson time by pupils, either independently or with the support and help of their parents or other family members.

### Responsibilities

This policy defines homework expectations for each year group within the academy. Each class teacher is responsible for informing parents at the start of each academy year of the regular pattern of homework for his/her class, i.e. on which days weekly tasks will be set, and when they should be completed. The class teacher is also responsible for ensuring that the demands of homework are manageable for pupils and for parents.

### The Role of Parents / Carers

The role of parents will vary according to the age and development of the child, but throughout the academy we hope that parents will encourage their child to complete any homework set and try to provide their child with a quiet place in which to do their homework.

In the early years parents will need to work with their children to help them to complete tasks, by sharing books, talking about the text and the pictures, and by playing games with them. As the child develops their literacy and numeracy skills homework will include tasks that children can complete on their own. Parents will need to encourage their child to complete their homework, asking them to talk about the work they are doing, and help them to learn spellings, number bonds and tables by playing games and testing them in a fun way.

### Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed yearly.

### Homework Expectations

The table below details current homework practice.

The following areas need to be addressed early in the Autumn term:

- Greater emphasis on Numeracy (timetables, time, numbers)
- Extending Literacy work (book reviews, key word games, punctuation, grammar, spelling, handwriting)

- Defining the Occasional assignments (how often, how many, which subjects etc. Consider – finding out information, reading to prepare for lessons, preparing oral presentations, written assignments)
- Defining the regular pattern for weekly homework in each class (which days spellings / tables are sent home)
- An outline of homework requirements must be sent to parents at the same time as the Home Academy Agreement

<b>ASHTON WEST END PRIMARY ACADEMY HOMEWORK</b>			
<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Current Practice</b>	<b>Guidance</b>	<b>Due Time</b>
<b>N</b>	<u>Weekly:</u> Homework activities provided on Class Dojo Library book to take home	Parents to access Dojo portfolio and work with child to complete the tasks. Parent read with child.	As directed on Dojo
<b>R</b>	<u>Daily:</u> Words/reading books/phonics  <u>Weekly:</u> Library books to take home Reading record book task Home/Academy book Spellings  <u>Half Termly:</u> Phonics pack	Read with parents  Home/Academy book given on a Friday  Spellings provided once at appropriate phonic stage.  Remain at home	Daily  Wednesday
<b>Y1/ 2 (KS1)</b>	<u>Daily:</u> RWI reading book, times table rock stars, Mathletics,  <u>Weekly:</u> Maths and English homework menu Spellings to learn  <u>Occasional:</u> Project based work and work linked to other subjects.	Discuss books with parents. Answer examples questions (in books)  Rock stars and Mathletics in Y2 only.	Daily  Wednesday
<b>Y3/ 4 (LKS2)</b>	<u>Daily:</u> Reading with others at home, times table rock stars, Bedrock, Mathletics,  <u>Weekly:</u> Maths and English homework menu Spellings to learn  <u>Occasional:</u> Project based work and work linked to other subjects.	Discuss books and ask questions about reading. Internet subscription to support key skills.  – choose ONE task from EACH subject to complete each week. Take home on Friday	Wednesday

<b>Y5/ 6 (UKS2)</b>	<u>Daily:</u> Reading with others at home, times table rock stars, Bedrock, Mathletics,  <u>Weekly:</u> Maths and English homework menu Spellings to learn  <u>Occasional:</u> Project based work and work linked to other subjects.	Discuss books and ask questions about reading. Internet subscription to support key skills.  – choose ONE task from EACH subject to complete each week. Take home on Friday	Wednesday
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