

HOMEWORK



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As a Rights Respecting School we believe that all children have the right to an education, Article 28

THE PINES SCHOOL

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Introduction

At The Pines School, we define "homework" as - any work or activities which pupils are asked to do outside lesson time, either on their own or with parents or carers.

Homework need not, and should not, get in the way of other activities which children may do after school, such as sport, music and clubs of all kinds. (Unicef Rights Respecting, Article 31 states 'Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.')

Aims


- To set appropriate homework for our children, which is specifically matched to their ability.
- To develop an effective partnership between the school and parents/carers in pursuing the aims of the school and in particular, in all matters relating to homework.
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding particularly in English and Maths.
- To extend school learning through additional reading.

Homework Practice at The Pines School

At The Pines School we do not stipulate times, as the most important aspect of Homework is the involvement of parents/carers in their child's education and the opportunity for children to consolidate learning.

Staff work with parents/carers and children to encourage learning to take place at home and ensure activities are available for those who wish to extend their learning into the home. Class teachers are responsible for ensuring that the demands of homework are manageable for pupils.

Homework is presented at the beginning of each half term with a topic based web which provides families with ideas on how they can extend their children's learning at home.

<p>Homework – Autumn term 1</p> <p>This half term our topic is space.</p> <p>Here are some ideas of things you can do at home to extend your child's learning.</p> <p>Don't forget you can also access bug club online for reading and purple mash.</p>	<p>Maths links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measure how many metres a space shuttle would be.• Compare the weight of different planets.• Addition and subtraction with aliens.• Visit your local park in the evening to count the stars.	<p>English links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write a story about an astronaut, the planets or space.• Make a space dictionary.• Make a calligram with space words.• Write a poem about space.• Visit the library and read some non-fiction books about space.• Research facts about space on the internet.• Make a collage of space related words.
<p>Science links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make your own planets.• Find out facts about space.• Watch videos of astronauts in space.• Visit The National Space centre.• Visit the planetarium at the Think Tank.• Research how astronauts survive in space.• Research different technology used in space.	<p>Creative curriculum links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research astronauts from around the world.• Create a solar system.• Create a space suit.• Create a space shuttle.• Paint/ draw a space themed picture.• Create a model using clay or playdoh.• Paint a picture of your favourite planet.• Make and cook space themed food.	<p>We would love to see some pictures on dojo of the things you have been doing.</p> 

We also have online subscriptions to bug club and Purple Mash which the children can access from home. If a family do not have a computer or internet connection children will be able to take home reading books.

Additionally, children may choose a library book to share with their family or a set of spellings may be sent home each week.

GCSE group

A piece of English, Maths and an additional subject are available each week to those who wish to extend their learning further at home.

Children will not be penalised for not completing homework.