



AVANTI GARDENS

SCHOOL

Homework Framework

At Avanti Gardens School, we value homework to aid the partnership between parents, pupils and staff; creating a community of learners.

Learning is enhanced when knowledge and skills can be accessed in a differing range of scenarios where pupils understand the context and relevance - Homework is another opportunity for this.

Homework is an effective tool for retrieving prior learning from the classroom. This retrieval practice aids knowledge becoming embedded in long-term memory.

The three key principles to our homework framework are:

- Aiding long-term memory through retrieval of prior learning;
- Building a dialogue of learning between home and school;
- Teaching children good habits about valuing and being responsible for their learning.

Nightly reading:

For all pupils, being fluent readers is important for pupils to engage with and enjoy learning across the curriculum. Because of this, we expect pupils to read each night of the week.

On Monday, the teacher will check if pupils read on Friday.

Tuesday-Friday, teachers will check pupils read last night.

Parents/carers are expected to sign the reading record to validate that the pupil has read their reading book from school. This is expected for each entry in the reading diary. The school encourages parents/carers to listen to their child read and include a comment where possible.

Rewards - Reading Karate band will be given to pupils for every 20 reads. These will be awarded by class teachers.

Consequences - Where pupils have not read, they will attend reading club for 5 minutes of their breaktime to read their class book. This will be led by the class teacher and TA.

Half-termly homework:

At the beginning of each half term, teachers will send home a Knowledge Organiser for pupils to read and begin to learn. This will provide all pupils with valuable core knowledge and vocabulary for the half-term ahead.

This also is a great way for families to bring learning into the home and further explore the topics covered in lessons.

Weekly homework:

Each week, the class teacher will set a 40 minute homework. The time will be allocated as below:

- 10 minutes will be spent on spelling;
- 10 minutes will be spent on times tables;
- 10 minutes on recalling maths learning;
- 10 minutes on recalling topic learning.

Pupils will be set the homework on a Friday. Pupils then have 5 evenings to complete before handing in on the deadline of Wednesday to the class teacher. It is pupils' responsibility to hand it to the teacher, although the teacher will always ask the class for their homework.

Spelling and Times tables Checks:

Each week, teachers will quiz pupils on key spellings and times tables to monitor progress. This will allow teachers to set appropriate homework each week.

Special or additional needs:

For pupils with specific needs, a bespoke agreement regarding homework will be made between the SENDco, Teacher and Parent/Carer.