



## Homework Policy – Year 4

### Introduction

At Banister Primary, homework is seen as an important way in which to help children learn. All Children are encouraged to complete their homework.

Homework at Banister is planned and organised so that it can be done without sacrificing participation in after school clubs or hobbies. Homework is a positive activity that supports the learning done at school; it is never a punishment or something to keep children busy.

### The purposes of Homework

The main purposes are to raise the standards of achievement of the children by:

- Teaching good work habits and encouraging independent learning
- Supporting the learning done in school
- Building a strong partnership between parents and teachers for the benefit of the children

### The range of homework which is set

Homework tasks are clearly related to the work children are doing in school and the work is matched to the children's abilities, not too difficult or too easy.

Reading skills are the foundation of good learning and are emphasised in the homework of all year groups. Together with reading, homework set will include spelling, handwriting, learning multiplication tables, Maths, English and other topics. Homework will not always be written and may sometimes involve practical activities.

### The planning and Organisation of Homework

Teachers plan homework to ensure that children are not expected to do too much on one day. Teachers ensure the homework is always realistic within the time available.

Parents and children have flexibility to fit homework times around out of school activities and family commitments.

For some selected children who do not regularly complete their homework and/or cannot work at home, a Homework Club will take place weekly in school for years 3 to 6. This is provided to support parents and children and is not a punishment for non-completion of homework.

### The Programme of Homework

	Frequency	Follow up
Reading	20 minutes of reading a day	Daily check in reading journal

Spelling	6 spellings a week (sent home on Monday); practice daily.	Weekly spelling test on Friday.
Maths	Given on a Thursday.	Marked by Class staff.
Times tables	Times table set for the week on Monday.	Tested on a Friday.
Topic	Given on a Thursday, usually in the form of literacy.	Checked weekly.

\* We don't wish to give the children too much or too little homework so we do provide some flexibility - If you wish for your child to get even more homework please ask the teacher and we will be able to sort something out.

Our staff hope that you can support us in getting the balance right. We want to work together with you to do help your child be the best they can possibly be and reach their full potential. If you have any concerns about the homework set, or, you feel that the homework is just right, please do come in and see your child's teacher.

It is worth noting that when children deliberately do not attempt to do homework (and this does not include when family emergencies occur), children will be required to remain inside during their own time to complete their work. Allowing one child to opt out of doing homework whilst everyone else is expected to complete it causes bad feeling amongst a class. We therefore make it very clear that we expect everyone to be treated equally and all children are required to complete homework