



SUNLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HOMEWORK POLICY

TOP REASONS FOR ASSIGNING HOMEWORK

- It improves your child's thinking and memory
- It helps your child develop positive study skills and habits that will serve him or her well throughout life.
- Homework encourages your child to use time wisely.
- It teaches your child to work independently.
- Homework teaches your child to take responsibility for his or her work.
- It allows your child to review and practice what has been covered in class.
- It helps your child to get ready for the next day's class.
- Homework helps your child learn to use resources, such as libraries, reference materials, and computer Web sites to find information.
- It encourages your child to explore subjects more fully than classroom time permits.
- It allows your child to extend learning by applying skills to new situations.
- It helps your child integrate learning by applying many different skills to a single task, such as book reports or science projects.
- Homework helps parents learn more about what your child is learning in school.
- It allows parents to communicate about what he or she is learning
- It encourages parents to spark your child's enthusiasm

SUNLANDS POLICY

At Sunlands homework will ONLY be given for the purposes of REINFORCEMENT (practice makes perfect) of classwork (no new work) and Project Work.

Daily homework should include (at least) reading, writing and Mathematics (remember the drilling of bonds and tables).

Where possible the weekend should be free of homework, except for project work, preparation for tests and exams and as a disciplinary measure for incomplete classwork.

Homework has to be explained and not merely be written on the board to be copied into homework diaries.

Educators should plan and discuss homework in the Grade Meetings. It shouldn't occur as a result of an "on the spur of the moment" decision or punishment.

Homework can be given on a daily basis OR a week at a time.

Classwork should only be sent home for completion on rare occasions (when merited). Some learners use class time to play around/distract others instead of doing their work. When this happens children should complete work after school/during break instead of at home.

An assessment Programme MUST be sent home at the beginning of each term so that children and parents can plan for projects, tests and exams. Tests/exams/projects should be spread out across the term and not concentrated in specific week.

Teachers will follow the discipline procedure for homework not done/incomplete work.

Guidelines with regards to time spent on homework:

Grade 1:	3 x 10 minute sessions per day Include counting, reading words, reading etc. Parent involvement is very important Instil good homework routine
Grade 2	3 x 10 minute session per day Include bonds, reading, hot words/phonics, etc.
Grade 3	3 x 15 minute sessions per day Include bonds, reading hot words/phonics, etc.

Grade 4 and 5 3 x 15 – 30 minute session per day
Include reading, writing, Mathematics, research, etc.
A formal study programme in preparation for exams and tests.

Grade 6 and 7 3 x 30 minute sessions per day
Include reading, writing Mathematics, research, etc.
An additional 30 minutes to read up or over work covered in class
A formal study programme in preparation for exams and tests.

