

# Homework Policy

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Knowledge



Spark



Humanity



Grit



Team

Reading

Reading is a fundamental skill that we aim to nurture throughout every child's time at Clapgate. This is the key focus homework. We want all children to become fluent, confident and enthusiastic readers.

The expectation is that all children will read at home at least 3 times a week.

### **Children who are following Read, Write, Inc. Phonics**

If a child is still being taught Read, Write, Inc. (RWI) phonics (this applies mainly to children in Reception and Years 1, 2 and 3), they will receive a login to Oxford Owl.

Each week, their teacher will upload, to Oxford Owl, the book they have been reading in RWI and a quiz to go along with this. The children will have a week to read this and complete the quiz, sharing their learning from the week.

They will also bring home a RWI book bag book that closely matches this electronic book. Children read this book bag book **at least 3 times** over the week.

### **Children who are no longer following Read, Write, Inc. Phonics**

**All children from Nursery to Year 6** will also bring home a library book of their choosing to enjoy. These books can be read independently by older children or with a grown-up as a key part of developing a love of reading begins with being read to.

**Alongside these books, children will also bring home a reading record. This is for parents and children to write in to record what has been read at home.**

If the book is not returned on Thursday morning, a member of staff will remind parents.

### **Spellings**

As a school, we follow the Head Start Scheme for spellings. Throughout the year, every child will bring home sets of spellings to learn. The spellings for each year group are taken from spelling patterns and from the list of common exception words (as listed in the curriculum).

Children can practise their spellings at home but will also be given time within the school day to work on their spellings.

### **Maths**

All children have a log in for Times Tables Rockstars (KS2) and Numbots (KS1) and are encouraged to take part in regular practice at home.

### **EYFS**

In EYFS, reading at home is our main priority. We don't send additional weekly homework. Instead, we set half termly projects when it fits in with our theme. For example, the children may take part in a project where they have to design and create either a new hat for either a witch or wizard. Short tasks may also be sent out on 'Tapestry' where it supports learning. For example, we might ask the child to go on an autumn walk and gather autumn things. Children will also be given 'talking topics' to discuss at home to develop their oracy skills.

When a child gets to red group or above in RWI, they will receive an Oxford Owl log in to complete their reading.

Halfway through the year, all children will be given a log in for Numbots.

## **Year 6**

After Christmas, all children in year 6 will receive revision books for maths, reading and spelling, punctuation and grammar. They will be set a weekly task from each book which is marked and discussed as a class as part of their learning.