

Tips for good homework habits

- Do find a quiet place at home to use as a homework area. It needs a flat surface, a good light source and the right equipment (eg pens, pencils, ruler, scissors, glue.)
- Do turn off the TV - but you could have music on if they find it helpful.
- Don't let homework become a chore. Keep it fun and make it a special time that you both look forward to.



If you have any questions regarding your child's homework, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.



At Dove Bank Primary School, we believe that strong, positive links between home and school are of prime importance.

Your support with homework makes such a difference and can improve your child's general confidence in learning both in and out of the school.

We hope that you will find this guide helpful and valuable as you support your child in his or her homework.



- **Why is homework important?**

Homework helps your child to:

- Learn how to organise and manage their time
- Take more responsibility for their own learning
- Practise and build on what they have learned at school
- Develop confidence to deal with frustrations, overcome difficulties and solve problems
- Learn and work independently in the future



Between the ages of 5 and 16, children spend only 15% of their lives in school so supporting them at home really improves their chances of success.

Children who do homework regularly throughout their time at school benefit from the equivalent of roughly an extra year's schooling.



How can parents help?

- Ask to see your child's homework book and reading record
- Assist your child in planning ahead so that all homework is not left to the last minute
- Encourage your child to take care and pride in the presentation of their work.
- Take a close interest in your child's work and offer to help by; listening to reading, asking questions, testing spelling, revising multiplication tables and encouraging the use of a dictionary to check spelling.
- Do be aware of modern teaching methods, and try to avoid teaching your child methods you used at school as it could confuse them. If you are unsure, please ask your child's class teacher.



Children learn something well when they talk about it or explain it to someone else, so asking your child about their homework really helps them.