

Emmanuel Middle School Homework Policy

*Our homework timetable is designed around the deliberate daily practice of 3 core subjects: The homework timetables represent a strong focus on automaticity of key knowledge, as well as the embedding of core knowledge into long-term memory to ensure new learning is less demanding for pupils.

*In KS3, daily practise will be through on-line platform 'Tassomai'. The expectation will be that the daily goal of 10 quiz questions in each of English, Maths and Science will be achieved 5 days a week. Quizzes will focus on previous learning - supporting our intention to embed knowledge into long-term memory.

*In KS3, **from January**, knowledge organisers will be used for homework in all subjects except Maths. Tutor time checking of knowledge organiser work will take place weekly. During the Autumn term, homework will focus on core subjects and in developing study skills to enable pupils to use knowledge organisers effectively.

Responsibilities:

Child

1. To have homework diary in school at all times. If not, ask your tutor for a diary template to use.
2. To listen to homework instructions in class.
3. To copy down instructions for the task and deadline date into their homework diary.
4. To ensure that homework is completed and meets the deadline.
5. To seek support from parents, Hegarty videos or teachers where necessary.
6. To record Accelerated Reader and Hegarty Maths (also Tassomai in KS3) passwords in a safe place.
7. Recognise that Hegarty Maths homework is only complete when a) the video has been watched in full (this information is recorded on Hegarty and can be seen by your teacher) b) notes have been made on the relevant video and c) the quiz has been completed to the best of your ability.

Subject teacher

1. Set homework according to the timetable.
2. Give full and comprehensive instructions.
3. Set deadlines for the completion of work.
4. Provide help and support where necessary.
5. Inform the parent if problems arise and share the actions taken with the tutor.

Parent

1. Ensure diary is in school every day.
2. Encourage the completion of homework by the deadline.
3. Sign the homework diary weekly.
4. Seek support from the subject teacher where necessary.

Tutor

1. Sign / view homework diary weekly.
2. Investigate problems if they arise.

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Year 5 & 6

Spellings	Based on a spelling pattern or relevant topic vocabulary.	Set on Friday for daily practice.
Grammar	Google quiz set through Google classroom.	Set on Friday.
Reading and Accelerated Reader quizzing		Daily reading at home and quizzing on books when finished.
Times tables	Will be tested each week on a specific table.	Approximately 30 minutes a week but a 'little-and-often' approach with tables facts recalled during conversations, on car journeys, during meals etc is generally the most effective way.
Hegarty Maths	Up to 2 tasks weekly.	Set on Friday.

Year 7 & 8

Tassomai	English, Maths & Science	Daily goal of 10 questions in each subject completed on 5 days a week.
Spellings	Based on a spelling pattern or relevant topic vocabulary.	Set on Friday for daily practice.
Reading and Accelerated Reader quizzing		Daily reading at home and quizzing on books when finished.
Hegarty Maths	Two tasks weekly.	Set on Friday.
Times tables	It is our aspiration that all pupils are confident in their times tables facts as this knowledge will enable them to be successful in KS3 & 4.	To support the quick recall of tables in KS3 additional homework may be set.
Knowledge organisers	It is our intention that these will be introduced for all subjects from January 2021 following successful trials and training. <i>Before knowledge organisers start being used for homework in the Spring term, teachers of foundation subjects may set weekly homework - through google classroom.</i>	More details about their use to follow during the Autumn term.