



## Homework Policy – Year 4

### Introduction

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

Homework at Mansbridge 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.

## **The Weekly Programme of Homework**

In Year 4 the minimum expectation is:

Reading	5 times a week Rewards for top readers
Handwriting	Weekly
Times tables	Every week Given out on: Friday Tested on: Friday
Spellings	Every week Given out on: Friday Tested on: Friday
Numeracy or Literacy	20 minutes weekly Given out on: Friday Returned on: Friday
Project	Half Termly or Termly Given out on: 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of half term Returned on: start of next term

\* 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 at the door in the morning.

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.