

Homework!!



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Is it compulsory?

- Government specifications have been removed – no guidelines
- Ofsted schedule suggests there is an expectation for schools to set homework.



Do we need to do homework?

- Promotes independent learning
- Develops resilience and resourcefulness
- It should be an integral part of the learning process
- It gives children an opportunity to work on something that they are interested in.
- It gives children a chance to practise skills learnt in school.
- Prepares them for secondary school



- Provides an opportunity for parents to become involved in their child's education
- Exploit resources for learning, of all kinds, at home.
- To provide an enjoyable supplement to class work.



Why don't we need homework?

- Children need time to unwind and relax
- Research shows that homework doesn't make a difference
- Creates extra marking and planning for teachers
- Causes stress and arguments at home when parents want to have quality time with kids.
- Not all children can complete homework at home



What does the research say?

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- Quality of the tasks more important than quantity of the work.
- Short focused tasks enabling children to practice what they learn in school are more effective
- Schools need to think about how homework can mean greater parental involvement.



Professor John Hattie

- Homework in primary schools has zero impact!!
- But....that doesn't mean get rid of it
- Make sure the homework set is specific and precise and reinforces what the children are learning at school.



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