



Teachers assign homework for many reasons:

- Homework can help children review and practice what they've learned;
- Get ready for the next day's class;
- Learn to use resources, such as libraries, reference materials and the internet
- Explore subjects more fully than time permits in the classroom
- Develop good habits and attitudes towards studying at home

It can teach children to work independently; encourage self-discipline and responsibility (homework provides some children with their first chance to manage time and meet deadlines); and encourage a love of learning.

Homework can also bring parents and educators closer together. Parents who supervise homework and work with their children can learn about their children's education and about the school.

Homework is meant to be a positive experience to encourage children to learn.

How to support your child with their homework

- Show that you think education and homework are important
- Ask questions
 - Do you know what you have to do?
 - What do you think you need to do to complete your homework?
 - Have you done anything like this at school before?
 - Do you have everything you need to complete your homework?
 - Does your answer make sense to you?
- Support your child and encourage them to complete the homework themselves, they will learn by doing
- Ask them what the instructions mean – the teacher would have explained the task
- Help the children to self assess by going through the work with them once they have completed it
- Follow up on teacher suggestions
- Support your child by encouraging them to take responsibility
- Ask friends and family to talk about your child's homework with them. Enthusiasm from others will encourage your child to take pride in their own learning
- Make constructive comments – Your teacher will be able to understand your work better if you present it neatly; you have been practising your best handwriting, why don't you show your teacher?

Provide your child with plenty of praise whilst they are completing their homework. Children need encouragement from the people whose opinions they value the most – their parents!