

Building up Gradually...

It is important that we work together to best prepare your child for all aspects of their transition to secondary school.

Many children worry about the expectations of 'homework' and need a little reassurance to support them in managing this effectively. As teachers and parents we must encourage our children to get into good habits in terms of addressing their home learning tasks in an organised manner, planning them around their other commitments and social life!

In Year 6 we gradually build up the expectation for home learning in order to prepare our children for the next phase of their education. In the autumn term, children select one Learning Log task (recommended time 40 minutes), along with their weekly spellings (just a few minutes two or three times a week is best.) Your child will also receive a short Manga High or Number Gym maths challenge .

After Christmas there will be a weekly maths task, along with a weekly grammar or comprehension exercise. In the summer term these become higher profile and the Learning Log tasks are taken away.

Forty Minutes!

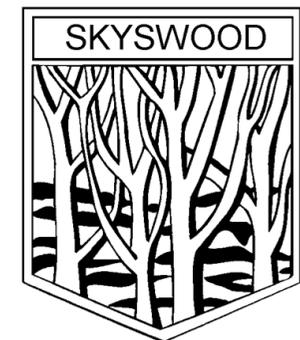
Home learning tasks in Year 6 should ideally be no longer than 40 minutes. Occasionally, our children might really get into a challenge (eg one of our Author of the Term competitions or a creative Learning Log option.) If they are really enjoying a task then it is fine for them to spend a little longer on this, but it is important to support your child with their time management and recognise that they can't spend hour upon hour on one individual task. If your child is a bit of a perfectionist then it is really important that we support them in developing a growth mindset and understand that it is okay to make a mistake. It is better to neatly cross out an error than to rip the whole thing up and start again!



Parent Information Booklet



Home Learning
Preparing your child for
Secondary School



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Avoiding a Battleground!

Home Learning can become a battleground, especially if children are tired and need some 'down time.' Establishing clear routines and expectations early on is essential. As a parent, it is important to oversee your child's home learning and give them positive messages. If parents don't see the point in a piece of home learning then the child might feel quite justified in applying their own 'half-hearted' approach. Children are given clear guidance on their home learning tasks when they are set. If you or your child is uncertain of the task then please pop in to clarify with the teacher rather than your child becoming anxious about the task.

If your child rushes through or takes little pride in their home learning, then this will obviously be picked up upon back at school and can ultimately result in your child developing a negative attitude towards home learning. The Year 6 programme of home learning is carefully designed to prepare children for that next step. If parents endorse a more casual approach and fail to monitor the weekly home learning, then your child may have quite a shock when transferring to their secondary school and having to cope with the expectations of Year 7!

Grammar and Comprehension

In Year 6 we aim to prepare your child fully for their end of key stage assessments whilst keeping a sense of perspective and fun. More than anything, we want your child to look back at this as a special year, with school journey and several other exciting events, rather than feeling anxious over the prospect of formal assessments.

Grammar



There will be one set of practice papers set per half term to support our assessment and your child's progress. We believe in a balanced approach that will not compromise our vision and values in education, and your child's love for learning. The practice papers inform future targets and these are addressed through the grammar and comprehension exercises that are introduced after Christmas.

A Quick Overview

Autumn Term



- **Learning Logs**
- **Weekly Spellings**
- **Manga High Maths Challenge**

Spring Term



- **Weekly Maths task (20 mins)**
- **Learning Logs**
- **Weekly Spellings**
- **Grammar/Comprehension exercise (20 mins)**

Summer Term



- **Weekly Maths task (30 mins)**
- **Weekly Spellings**
- **Grammar/Comprehension exercise (40 mins)**

Continue to encourage your child to read on a regular basis throughout the year!