



Parental partnership is extremely important to us in South Park. For our learners to flourish and achieve the best possible attainment levels in literacy and numeracy, it is essential that we work together to provide positive learning experiences. Your active role in supporting your child's learning experience will enhance their opportunities for greater success.

Homework should be regarded as a learning experience so please encourage your child to share their learning with you. This can be done through many various activities ranging from reading together, playing games together, going out together, watching TV together indeed any interaction promotes lifelong learning skills as I'm sure you're all aware - every day is a learning day. Homework should be fun and should be an activity that extends and supports the children's knowledge.

Did you know?

- ✓ When schools and families work together, children do better.
- ✓ Children learn something well when they talk about it or explain it to someone else, so asking your child about their homework really helps them.
- ✓ Children who do homework regularly throughout their time at school benefit from the equivalent of roughly an extra year's schooling.
- ✓ Between the ages of 5 and 16, children spend only 15% of their lives in school so supporting them at home really improves their chances of success.
- ✓ Parents and families are by far the most important influences on children's lives.



What's helpful to know about homework?

It's quality that matters, not quantity - the kind of homework your child does is often more important than the amount.

The environment and time a child best learns is when they are ready for learning...this might mean that sitting at a table as soon as school is finished may not be the best time to complete any tasks. Depending on after school activities and family routines it is always best to try to spend a small amount of time daily supporting and talking to your child about their learning. Trying to achieve all the homework for the week in one night is not advisable as this will mean your child will become tired and demotivated very quickly. If possible....Little and often is the best recipe.....



