

1. Do you think your child should be given homework?

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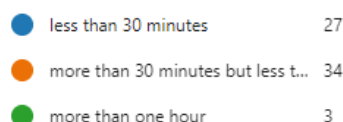
89 comments that give further detail to the choices above	
Comments supporting homework	Comment against homework
<p>So parents can be involved in their child's learning and a routine can be established to complete work/ revision out of school</p> <p>Helps them maintain some focus other than play outside of school environment. Prepares them for adult life when it's not all play outside of work environment</p> <p>Give parents an insight so what they've been learning in school. Also ensure that the children have understood what's gone on in class</p> <p>My child is in reception, I think giving books/sheets/words to learn at home is a good idea.</p> <p>Yes, but in moderation perhaps just a sheet to recap on what they have done in class that week.</p> <p>To help more development and understanding</p> <p>I think it's good for them to refresh what has been taught during that week, however, please remember some children (like my own) has out of school activities she's part of so don't be giving much homework</p> <p>Helps them practise what they've learnt at school</p> <p>It is a good way to remind them all the information from school and to check the learning level</p> <p>I believe homework allows parents to understand what the child is learning as well as helping to embed knowledge into the child's memory. The curriculum is too extensive to be able to ensure all knowledge is embedded in every child before you have to move on to the next topic.</p> <p>It is important as a parent to see which topics my child is studying in school and also to be able to monitor how well they are progressing.</p> <p>Gives parents an insight on what they are learning and allows parents to get involved in supporting this</p> <p>Encourages the child to learn more</p> <p>Homework gives parents a chance to see what is being learned in school</p> <p>Feel homework issued on a Friday to hand in on a Monday works well</p> <p>It encourages them to stay in routine and continue commitment outside of school learning hours.</p> <p>Too make sure they have paid attention during school hours and learning shouldn't just be done in school</p> <p>Giving them homework allows me to know what he understands from what he's being taught at school</p>	<p>Think they do enough in school" home is home and school is school</p> <p>They do enough in school time</p> <p>Their already spent a lot of time at school. Weekend should be just for rest from it, the same like work (adults don't working on free time so...)</p> <p>In primary school children are still very young. They attend school for minimum of 6 hours a day. 6 hours is a long time for a child. Learning can be done through play as well as sat in a classroom and therefor there should be no homework. I feel this is added pressure on the weekends and should have a break from schoolwork</p> <p>Although I am thankful for their education, I think children need time to relax too. My boys do a number of clubs after school, so I think they deserve some time off</p> <p>It's important for children to spend time with family and doing other activities outside of school without added pressure of homework. They get enough homework in high school. Let them be children for as long as they can.</p> <p>Have enough time in school hours to do work. Home time is family time</p> <p>Not when they have full education in school</p> <p>As a recently separated parent, I find I don't have enough time with her as it is so would prefer the less pressure of homework but equally understand why it is necessary</p> <p>As long as it is reflective of the work that they are currently doing in school as often there are words used that my child has not recognised which leaves it up to myself to explain what it is. I don't mind doing thus of course but children are taught differently than when I was at school. Timescale should be reflective of the year group that students are in. For instance, year 3 should receive less homework than year 6.</p> <p>I understand the reading but homework I think can do without, especially when there young. Sometimes weekends are the only time we have for family and they do enough at school. It's also not always easy for parent to us as their taught things in school that we are not aware of e.g different methods to work things out</p> <p>Think homework should only be things that have been learned at school not new things.</p>

<p>So that she can be kept busy with schoolwork Helps home understand what they have been doing and cements learning. It embeds what they have been doing in school and gives parents a chance to see how they are doing with their work. Helps me to see how Oliver is progressing and Oliver feel supported by us I think it's good for practice and so we can see what they have been learning. Extra work and I can find out what child can do/ can't Yes, I think it's a good think to see if the children understand what they are learning Nothing too difficult just maybe a small piece to recapture I think it helps them To enable them get focused rather than watch tv all the time I think reinforcing and practising at home what the children learn in school is imperative for the information and knowledge to retain also practise makes perfect! It's good for parents to get an insight into what the kids have been learning that week and see how the children are developing Not enough time in school to fit all work in. Gives parents an insight into what our children are doing in school To ensure a follow up with what's been thought in school Part of learning Keeps the mind active and help parents understand what they're doing in school. Homework helps to embed learning in class and also gives parents an insight into what their child is learning. It also prepares them for secondary school. It is good for parents to see the work the children are completing and how easily they can achieve what is required or see where they possibly need some extra assistance To reinforce what they are learning It's important that they learn outside of the school environment I think as they get closer to high school age they should get used to having a bit of homework To go over what they have done My child enjoys showing me his homework and feels proud of showing me his work. I think it's important that parents see what they can do, and bringing learning home with them. Good to continue learning at home Helps children to retain information, enables consolidation of learning. Can help if child is struggling as it can be explained in a different way. Or can be passed back to teachers that child is struggling and maybe to shy/scared to say It teaches them for later on studies in order to progress even once in a job They will be happy and will be prepared for year one Homework better enables parents to understand what their child has been learning and helps in understanding</p>	<p>They are only small, schools for school, home is for family time My son is never given homework it's all online this isn't always easy to access Children spend 30 hours per week learning and they should be able to rest and recuperate at home. There is one day through the week that we go straight home from school. Other 4 are filled with outside activities across my 3 children. And Weekend is for family time as a family as both parents work all week usually 6 days Yes, however super curricular activities should do and will take precedent over homework. Positive mental health through external household activity is more important. They work hard enough at school, coming home is for them to switch off relax and be themselves not get worked up over there home work As a full time employee, I complete my work in office time and i do not take it home with me, my children's time with me should be exactly that time with me on things we deem important for their development and spent as a family and not in structured set homework. They cover the curriculum in school hours I believe home time is family time It should be a choice some children like doing homework other children don't so I think it should be up to the children if they want to or not Encourages learning as long as it doesn't take up all of home time not that it does I think small amounts of work little and often impact bigger change in learning. I think it helps parents understand what their child is learning at school. However, feel that perhaps it could be optional as sometimes we go away for the weekend and do a lot of afterschool activities so can struggle to find time. School is long and hard and tiring, and I think doing schoolwork after school in the first year, could be avoided. I understand that a good solid foundation of the basics is essential, as everything else is built upon that. I believe only children who are falling below the standards line, should be given extra curriculum activities/homework in a more targeted approach. Preserving children's family time at home, enables working parents to play freely when they get home, as time is so valuable. I would relax this position slightly if homework was play based, but still believe 1st year is too early, unless the child is struggling. Home time should be home time and school time should be for learning for working parents it can be difficult to juggle this at times Time is limited with them from home to bed and time is separated between parents and grandparents I think children already have a lot expected of them during the school day alone. Especially in KS2 when you go to the meet the teacher meetings for example the class teachers go on about how much is expected of the children during a school day then more work is sent home. I also think it puts a lot of added pressure on parents to get it done, life is very busy for most people and homework just adds to it.</p>
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<p>areas they may be struggling in to provide further support at home.</p> <p>The lesson happens again</p> <p>I believe children should receive homework at the beginning of the week rather than the end of the week</p> <p>Keep them busy at home</p> <p>They will be attached with the learning process</p> <p>It will prepare them for high school</p> <p>It does help strengthen learning; however it can sometimes be difficult and cause upset</p> <p>provides opportunity for students to learn, practice and demonstrate they have achieved the learning goals</p>	<p>My son hates it but my little girl really enjoys homework and I think It helps to show parents on a 1-1 basis with their child how well they can work</p> <p>Because they do enough work in school, and feel they deserve to have a rest from learning.</p> <p>I think it's too much on top of reading every night</p> <p>I think home time should be for relaxing, hobbies and time with family</p> <p>I have a child who has additional needs they are not send but ACE and trauma experiences. Sometimes the additional pressure of homework and completing it on time causes meltdowns. Therefore, for my son it's an anxiety and not a help. He is doing well in school and so I feel it's not needed. Maybe different if he wasn't. This is where I would like to see after school clubs for homework and would be happy to pay for them</p> <p>Family time is important as well. To establish structure, it has hard to incorporate homework alongside dinner time, bath time and family time and having a decent bedtime.</p> <p>I think they need the time to relax and unwind. Homework puts a lot of pressure on them and then the actual task of what they are doing is not the focus. Getting them to do the homework is. It stresses the whole family and takes away the fun element the children get when learning in school.</p>
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3. If you answered yes to question one, how much time do you think your child should spend on homework each week?

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4. What homework activities do you think are valuable to support your child's learning? (80 responses)	
<p>hands on experience</p> <p>Just reading books</p> <p>Anything that gets them thinking- creative/academic</p> <p>Every activity is valuable in its own way.</p> <p>Whatever they are learning in school at that time.</p> <p>Books, worksheets, online website worksheets.</p> <p>(Make it fun)</p> <p>Definitely spellings and times tables.</p> <p>Funny stuff not basic homework like "create", "tell a story" etc</p> <p>All</p> <p>Reading is key for me; we prioritise that and always will over any other work.</p> <p>Maths & English, something creative</p>	<p>Educational</p> <p>Practising writing and maths as well as reading,</p> <p>maybe a little bit of research and practical bits</p> <p>English, reading, maths</p> <p>Spelling, reading, times tables- use online platforms</p> <p>Phonics & outdoor play</p> <p>Times tables/maths, comprehension, reading</p> <p>Reading and writing in all subjects</p> <p>Stuff that is related to the work they do in school</p> <p>Times tables/reading</p> <p>Reading, maths work, researching a topic they have been studying in class.</p> <p>Math, reading, writing</p> <p>Reading English maths</p>

<p>Writing, reading, learning poems, Reading is important but thus is something we have done since being a baby with our children. Anything that they have learned that they will need to be able to access again in the future or something to support what they are learning in class at that time. Maths and English being the main subjects this will be the case for but can extend across all subjects if its felt the knowledge will be beneficial. Possibly some dictionary work for English to help with understanding of words around their curriculum Physical activities rather than written Reading Maths, English and Curriculum subjects Online games, researching, spellings mathematical questions, building and crafting Reading Maths English reading All of them have their own aspects of learning Maths / reading / English (currently receives spellings etc) Maths and English Reading spelling and grammar Numeracy and English None Any Practical activities to be done at home e.g. collecting objects or researching. Maths and English (including reading) but also, things that children can do outside of school which support school values. I know QP have supported this in the past with litter picking activities etc (in warmer weather of course!). Going over subjects already done that week. Phonics Reading, writing and mathematics. I do feel it would be good to have some science and art to give variety and keep it interesting None English, maths, outdoor activities. Homework sheets are a lot better for us All aspects of growing up/ age related learning Something they need to work on or have found difficult to understand Reading, writing or Math Math Things that get them outside. Things that they can do through super curricular activities.</p>	<p>Reading, maths practice, spellings, handwriting practice. Anything not on a screen A range of activities covering all subjects Things that build on knowledge learnt in school. Maths and reading themed activities. Actives around key events in the calendar or about safety, morals and values. Paper based homework like maths equations and English work Spelling, reading, maths Anything that reinforces work they have done through the week in class, and helps with upcoming SATS. Maths English creative work Repetition and understanding thru play. Reading / writing / practicing numbers / drawing / crafts / exercise I think homework can come in different format but also for more than just English and maths Geography Reading Something colourful rather than black and white sheets It should be a mixture of activities and cover different aspects of learning, changing each week. Reading and maths activities also certain apps on their phones or laptop come in handy Topics that can help her in exams Problem solving and spelling. TT rock stars, reading, spellings All subjects more especially English and math Research themselves rather than homework books TTRockstars is great as it is fun and competitive whilst still learning The homework for life skills are a benefit (money time etc) Life skills May be matching columns, answering etc I think the basics really. Reading, multiplication etc. It's hard enough to find the time to do rockstars and reading plus. But they are good resources. The rockstars competition was excellent and a lot of fun. Maths, English, handwriting, reading Spag reading or maths Homework that is linked to classroom work tends to be more effective.</p>
Reading mentioned 42 times	Maths mentioned 34 times

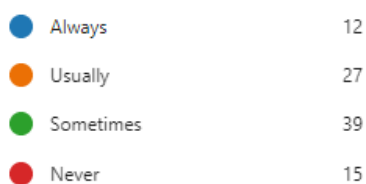
5.What homework activities do you think are less valuable? (61 responses)	
Worksheets None Things that they already know or have done a lot of General homework 'do something to do with this'.. give structured homework/worksheets. Difficult for working parents to organise if not structured from school. Basic homework is boring for kids None all valuable Projects don't always seem relevant and can be time consuming when they need down time and also have out of school activities they are part of. Any other than the above although any homework is valuable Non Art! Word searches, Spag mats as they are too generic for the child to be able to access all questions, Worksheets/ written work Anything online Anything other than the above. None Art History None None The sheets that you've gave in the past haven't always been clear Anything new as not always sure and need to go on bbc bitesize to explain Year 6 constant sat revision Repeating spelling words Online Drawing/ creating models Long homework. It's hard to keep them concentrated while at home Big creative projects that can be difficult to do at home Drawing,collecting things Reading boring books that quash the enthusiasm to read. Or maths honeworks where the student cant understand how its applied in real life. None	I think all homework activities are valuable in my child's learning Tasks that aren't engaging for child and cause issues to get completed . None Crossword Not sure Arts and crafts - he doesn't like doing this and we never have all the resources Arts and crafts Everything apart from above Tasks such as baking (recently given by reception), whilst it's a lovely idea it's costly - not all of us can afford it but as homework shouldn't be seen as optional it creates a difficult situation. None Ones which require more creativity as this creates more work for parents I'm not sure Reading, spelling Unsure While at this age, non playable activities N/A I don't know Practical General work sheets only as can often be less engaging. None All information is very important No one N.a Worksheets that are boring and can be done in school time In my experience the maths and English present a problem as they lead to meltdowns Things that are already taught with in the classroom. Memorising stuff I find the english sheets too much. I find myself googling half the words to try and understand it myself! Im not a teacher and cant give that kind of help during homework time. Its not productive. NONE

6.How many times a week to you think children should read at home? (86 responses)		
At least 5 Nightly on school days 3 5-10 minutes every night	3 -4 depending on the book. Reading anytime, everything else once per week.	Everyday 3-5 At least twice as alot of children struggle to enjoy reading

3-4 nights Children should read 3 times a week, but parents should read to children most nights. 2-3 depending on after school clubs or out of school clubs. 3 Every day 5-10 mins each day isn't much to ask really and I always encourage it. Every night if possible. This isn't possible for most, including myself, so I would say a minimum of 3 times a week Every day We read with our children most nights A minimum of 2 Every other day 3 At least twice a week Every night for atleast 10 mins 3 4 Twice I think reading is very valuable however, reading up to 5 times a week is very difficult when parents work full time and children can be with grandparents etc through the week 3-4 As much as possible 3 1-2 3 4 times	I try and aim for minimum of 3 times 54 or more Dail 3 I think this differs for each child and home sitauation. 2/3 4 None We read every night (however I do struggle to remember to write it in the reading book) but I think no less than three times a week Two times 3 Every night All the time Once if they choose too 3-4 Once or twice As much as possible 3/5 Every day Every day 3-4 7 Most evenings 5 Daily	2 Every week night should be reading school logged books. Plus should be reading their own books/magazines on top of that. 5 5 4-5 in short bursts depending on child's ability At least 4 times a week. We aim for 2 pages (harry potter) per day 2 5x a week 2 3/4 Daily Atleast 5 times a week All day 2 to 3 3 4 times 4 At least 5 5+ All the time but there are many forms of reading and not always a book Everyday Three times a week Most nights. Our focus is the reading book which leaves little time for reading plus because they dont want to do both. We read together at night time before bed as well e.g Harry Potter etc. Every night 3 times
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7. My child usually enjoys doing homework

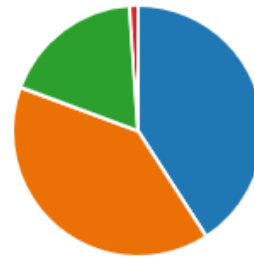
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8. I know how to support my child with their homework

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Always	38
Usually	37
Sometimes	17
Never	1



9. Homework causes tension at home

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Always	15
Usually	10
Sometimes	39
Never	29



10. Reading every school night, basic number facts such as number bonds and multiplication tables and spelling should be the only priority for homework to reduce tension at home.

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Strongly Agree	12
Agree	26
Don't know	21
Disagree	30
Strongly Disagree	4



Please add any additional comments about homework here

I think they work enough in the week weekend is for home time and doing family stuff you don't have time to do on a week day

NA

I think as long as it is structured/specific what is wanted for the homework, then it should be fine. Children learn at home as well as in school. I don't think it should exceed 20-30 mins. Working parents/parents with other school age siblings also have work to do, can be difficult to fit it all in. We have a battle every week however I feel that children need to be prepared for high school and

Home is for family time not homework. Homework causes so much stress for the kids especially when both parents work
Homework that allow students to use the real world around them.
Great idea
a variety of the most essential topics (reading, maths, writing and spelling) and some extra topics such as science, can strike a perfect balance between homework being a dreadful chore and a fun learning activity for the children

<p>need to understand that homework has to be done even if they don't want to.</p> <p>We read home books, numbers and writing to help development</p> <p>Please remember that us parents left school a good while ago, some of the homework doesn't make sense to us as children learn differently to what we did. My daughter had some recently (English) but it wasn't explained very well and my daughter was unsure. I ended up seeking advice from a friend who is a primary teacher to explain it to us. It was very much to do with the language used in learning now which we support but obviously very different to how we learnt. It's just adding potentially additional barriers to completion of homework.</p> <p>The homework can be setup depending children gaps I feel every night is too intense</p> <p>Homework always causes stress in the household when we could be using that time for other more enjoyable family activities. It's important for children to have a break between school and home. We encouraged lots of educational activities without the structure and upset of homework.</p> <p>My child hardly received any homework during year 5 which I was disappointed with.</p> <p>We usually complete Charlie's homework on a Saturday morning however I often find (particularly with English because he is less confident) it can cause an 'outburst'. I can sometimes struggle to motivate him to complete it (although eventually he always does). Any tips to deal with this would be appreciated!</p> <p>None</p> <p>We need homework</p> <p>Some of the reading books are outdated and could do with better themes, this in turns leads to stress as my son is not interested in reading the books..</p> <p>Work sheets and classes to help understand the homework are very useful.</p> <p>I think having more variety would reduce tension as it would be less repetitive, keep it interesting and appealing for Ourselves and Oliver</p> <p>Don't think any child should have to do reading every night , homework should be very limited , year 6 should get a break it's relentless</p> <p>Year 3 haven't had homework all year. It hasn't been missed as we do a lot ourselves but I don't want her falling behind</p> <p>Would like child to get feedback when given in</p>	<p>hate homework regardless it does sometimes cause unnecessary problems and stress for the kids and parents to try to get the children to do it</p> <p>To enhance learning</p> <p>Paper homework rather than apps would be better.</p> <p>I think homework should be a choice for the child as I have one child that loves to do it and another that hates it so I don't force said child as it should be a choice as long as they are doing their work in school that's all that should matter</p> <p>Would be handy if homework/school letters etc are not printed in a cursive font. As a dyslexic parent it makes it incredibly difficult to read the work to the children.</p> <p>We like homework</p> <p>Could the homework be marked and worked through with the children in case of mistakes so they can learn how to correct them.</p> <p>Year 6 has been consistent with homework. Year 5 seemed to have weeks between homework sometimes.</p> <p>Homework itself shouldn't cause tension. Surely tension only arrives when the parents either don't understand the homework, or haven't a routine time to complete it.</p> <p>In my opinion I don't agree with homework, if my children want to do it then I will support them to do it but I would never force them especially as it creates such a tension at home.</p> <p>It's very important and will help them to study more.</p> <p>We enjoyed the rockstar competitions. It was fun whilst learning.</p> <p>If an answer is wrong it would be helpful for the correct answer to be put on the homework so the parent can see where they went wrong.</p> <p>Homework can sometimes cause upset and tears as it never seems to be as quick as expected, turning into over an hour. My children never enjoy their homework and they often feel sad or disappointed when they struggle despite my support</p> <p>Homework helps children to be busy</p>
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