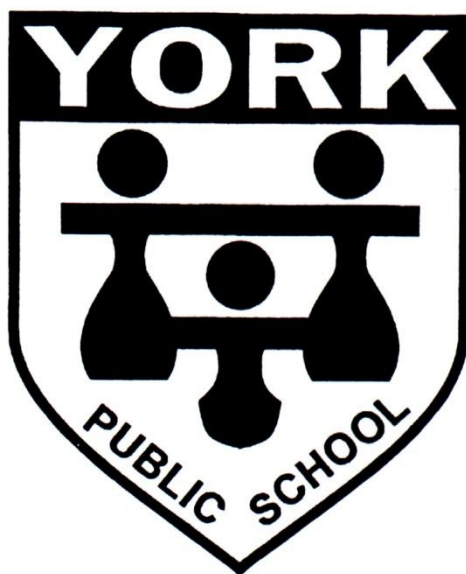


# York Public School



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Outlined below are the expectations that the school has for weekly homework from Kindergarten to Year 6. This information is intended as a guide for parents.

- *From time to time all families will have difficulty finding time for homework due to domestic or extra-curricular activities. Parents are asked to advise the class teacher if this is the case so that these needs are taken into consideration when homework is being set or marked.*
- *If homework is causing problems at home, parents are asked to see the class teacher to negotiate alternatives that suit the student.*

**Kindergarten** – In this first year of primary education the homework focus is on encouraging the students to practice foundational skills learnt in class and develop a love of reading.

- Homework will not be sent home until the class teacher feels students are ready to start working towards independently practicing foundational skills learnt in class. The day of week that work is sent home and should be returned will be set by the class teacher.
- In addition to set homework, students are expected to read for 5-10 minutes each day. It is suggested that parents and carers share in this reading time with their child.
- Activities will vary but may include phonics, reading, sight word practice, spelling and handwriting.
- Optional alternative homework activities may include educational computer websites or apps on devices.
- Students in Kindergarten are also encouraged to build their independence and understanding of civic responsibility by helping around the home and taking more responsibility for their personal care needs such as dressing themselves etc.

**Year 1 - 2** – Students in Year 1 - 2 are encouraged to strengthen their foundational literacy and numeracy knowledge in their homework, but are not expected to engage in lengthy or complex tasks.

- The day of week that work is sent home and should be returned will be set by the class teacher.
- Homework should not exceed 10 -15 minutes per day.
- In addition to set homework, students are expected to read for 5-10 minutes each day. It is suggested that parents share in this reading time with their child.
- Activities will vary but may include phonics, reading, sight word practice, spelling, times tables and handwriting.
- Optional alternative homework activities may include educational computer websites or apps on devices.
- Students in Year 1 - 2 are also encouraged to strengthen their independence and understanding of their civic responsibilities by routinely undertaking tasks around the home and taking more responsibility for their personal care needs such as packing and unpacking their bag etc.

**Years 3 – 6** – Students are encouraged to extend their foundational literacy and numeracy knowledge in their homework. In the last years of primary education the homework focus is also on encouraging students to develop an ability to inquire, challenge, formulate ideas and present conclusions in preparation for the sorts of activities they will face in High School.

- The day of week that work is sent home and should be returned will be set by the class teacher.
- Homework should be an average of 15-20 minutes per day, however assignments may require more time on some days and less on others.
- In addition to set homework, students are expected to read for 10-20 minutes each day.
- Homework tasks can vary but may include revision of basic mathematics facts, writing tasks, reading activities and spelling.
- Homework assignments may include research, surveys or watching and reporting back on specified educational TV programs. Assignments will have a maximum timeframe of 4 weeks.
- Optional alternative homework activities may include educational computer websites or apps on devices.
- Students in Years 3 - 6 are also encouraged to strengthen their independence and understanding of their civic responsibilities by being assigned weekly tasks around the home.