

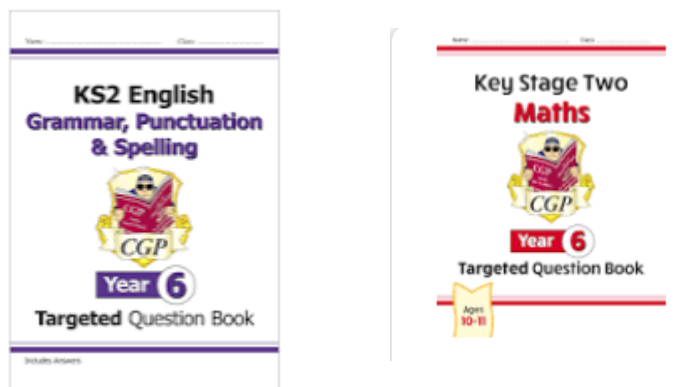
## Homework

Homework is a lesson in independence and time management, and pupils need support to manage these commitments – developing a schedule and helping them balance their homework with extracurricular activities and family commitments is important.

As children move through the school the amount of homework increases. We expect children in Key Stage 1 to spend no more than one hour per week which will be mainly reading with a parent.

In classes 3 and 4, homework will increase to 1.5 hours to 2 hours per week and in class 5, up to 2 hours per week.

From class 3, children have CPG books in which homework will be set weekly.



So what can parents do to support their children with homework?

### **1. Create space**

Set up a space for your child to do their homework.

While making this space in their bedroom is sometimes the easiest option, this automatically makes homework a solitary activity.

If there is an option for a space in a communal area of the house, this helps promote discussions and it is easier to get involved without it feeling like an intrusion.

Wherever the space, give the learner some ownership over it and make it an inviting space to spend time in. New stationery, a comfy chair and good lighting will also help.

### **2. Make it positive**

Make parental input a positive thing.

If your child has a question about their work, help them, but try not to tell them the answer. Use questioning to help them get as close to the answer as they can. Starting these practices in younger years will mean that when homework becomes a bigger part of their

learning outside of school, your child is comfortable discussing it with you and values your input.

Please remember that it is ok to support your child with homework. Encourage children to use correct punctuation, good handwriting and the same standard of presentation that they would at school.

