



Parent FAQs following the Homework Webinar – 16.9.25

1. My child is in Reception – when should we start receiving homework?

As children settle in, we recognise how tiring these first few weeks can be. It also takes time to establish routines before starting our Phonics programme. We usually begin sharing Reception reading and Numbots homework towards the end of September. In the meantime, it's really important to read to your child every day.

2. If my child doesn't complete their homework, will they get in trouble?

No. We do not punish children for not completing homework, as we understand how busy family life can be. In Year 6, however, pupils are expected to complete the CGP books in preparation for secondary school. If homework is consistently not completed, children may be asked to attend a lunchtime homework support club on Mondays.

3. My child hasn't yet received their reading diary or reading book. When can I expect this?

Teachers have been reminded to distribute these as soon as possible. They should be with you by the end of the week, if not sooner.

4. How do I access my child's login for Numbots or Times Tables Rock Stars, and do they change each year?

Logins remain the same each year. All pupils should have these by the end of the week, if not sooner. They are often stuck into the front of reading diaries.

5. What support can the school provide for Grammar School preparation?



We do not provide specific grammar school preparation, as these tests are designed differently from the rest of our curriculum. However, we work closely with local grammar schools, who offer free access to Atom Learning's 11+ prep section for pupils eligible for Free School Meals. Parents and carers of Pupil Premium children need to complete the form on the website: [Atom Learning FSM Form](#). The school will then confirm eligibility, which triggers free access. Other approaches such as books, online subscriptions, or tutoring may be purchased privately by parents.

6. If my child completes all the available homework, can they have more?

Our priority is to provide the highest quality face-to-face learning. We know that some parents prefer more homework, while others prefer less. We believe our homework offer strikes a good balance. If you have specific requests, we will always consider whether it is possible to meet them. Alternatively, we can direct you to a range of free, high-quality online resources that you may wish to use at home.

7. Will teachers provide detailed marking of my child's homework?

At Water Mill, we place research evidence at the heart of what we do. Evidence on the impact of homework in primary schools – and specifically written feedback – is very limited. In contrast, there is strong evidence that verbal feedback in the moment is highly effective. We will always recognise, celebrate, and reward children's efforts at home, but in line with the research evidence, we will not provide detailed written annotations on homework.