

Behaviour Policy Addendum: Homework (Year 2 -6)

At Ark John Keats, we believe that homework is important for ensuring that children make as much progress as possible: it allows them to practise key knowledge and skills, committing them to long-term memory, while developing habits of independent study that will be essential as they get older.

Below is a summary of changes to our behaviour policy to encourage all pupils to complete their homework.

REWARDS

Pupils at Ark John Keats earn rewards for completing homework, both as individuals and as a class. When giving rewards, teachers look for pupils who are going above and beyond – putting in lots of effort outside school. Below are the rewards that pupils can earn:

- Additional break time for the classes with the most pupils in their Green Zone in DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish, DoodleSpell and TT Rockstars by Tuesday each week (the deadline for completing homework).
- Merits for scholars earning many more stars than their weekly target.
- Praise for those scholars consistently logging on day-by-day.
- Shout-outs for effort and progress in the weekly newsletter, in assemblies and on display boards around the school.
- Certificates and prizes (e.g. Doodle pencils and stickers) for excellent effort and progress.

CONSEQUENCES

For those scholars regularly not completing their homework (by Tuesday each week), the following consequences now apply:

Years 2-4:

- **1st week** with no/incomplete homework by Tuesday: a letter is sent from Mr Etheridge (Senior Teacher for Curriculum) to parents, asking parents to make sure that their child is completing their homework each week.
- **2nd week** with no/incomplete homework by Tuesday: the pupil's class teacher calls the pupil's parents to discuss the importance of completing homework.
- **3rd week** with no/incomplete homework by Tuesday: the pupil's Head of Year invites parents into school to discuss the reasons that a pupil is not completing their homework.

Years 5-6:

- Pupils who have not completed their '**extra**' tasks on DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish and DoodleSpell by the end of Tuesday complete a 20 minute after-school catch-up.
 - On Wednesday, parents whose children are in after-school catch-up for not completing homework will receive a letter from Mr Etheridge (Senior Teacher for Curriculum).
 - The letter will state whether the after-school catch-up is on a Thursday (3:30-3:50pm) or a Friday (2:45-3:05pm).
 - Pupils should be collected promptly from outside the Primary Office at the time set out in the after-school catch-up letter.
- During catch-up, pupils will complete paper-based work, as well as reflecting on the importance of completing their homework. Catch-up will not be used for completing work on Doodle: the expectation is that pupils do this at home.