

Homework Questionnaire

Bushfield School

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Last year the school carried out a survey to gather information on attitudes towards homework.

The questionnaires were voluntary with 247 pupil and 114 parent responding.

The analysis that follows is by question and displayed in pie charts showing overall results and breakdowns by year group.

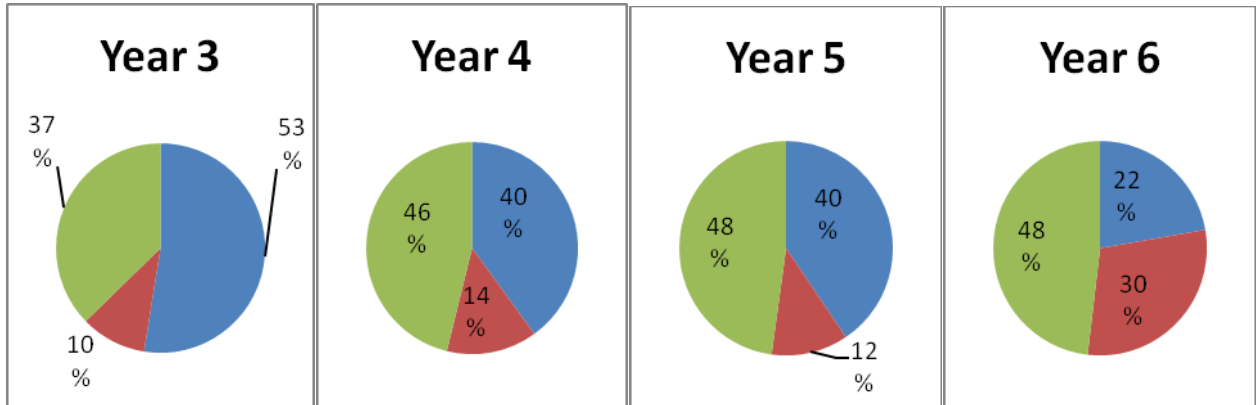
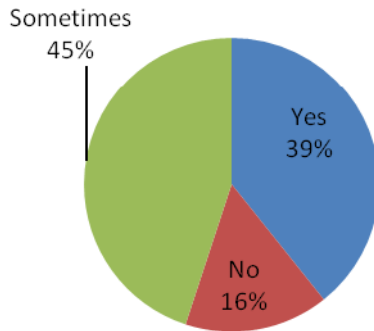
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Student Homework Questionnaire

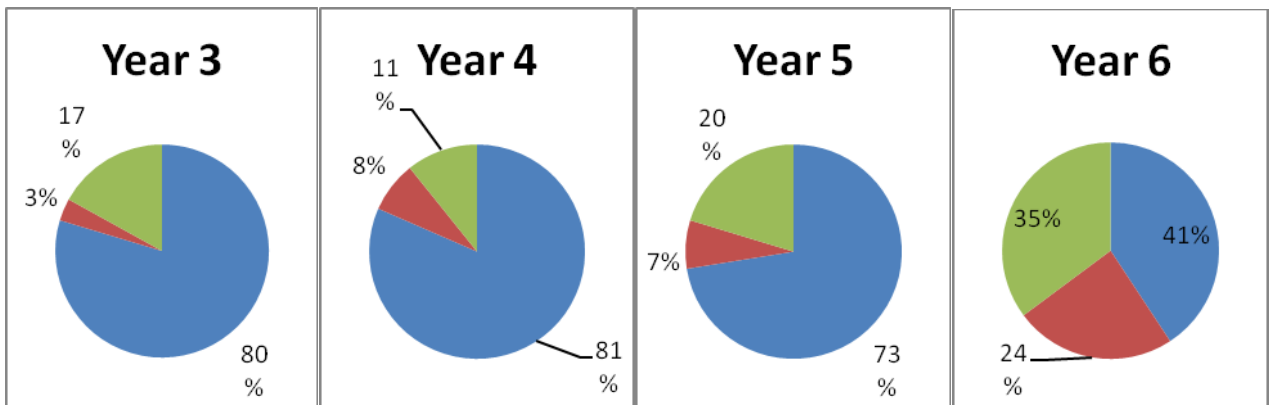
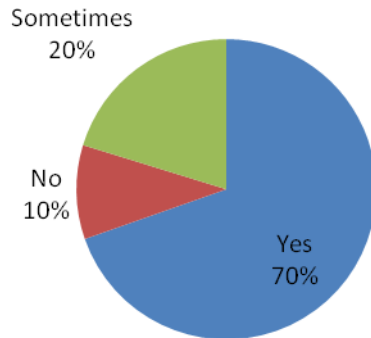
1. Do you enjoy homework?

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2. Do you feel homework helps you learn?

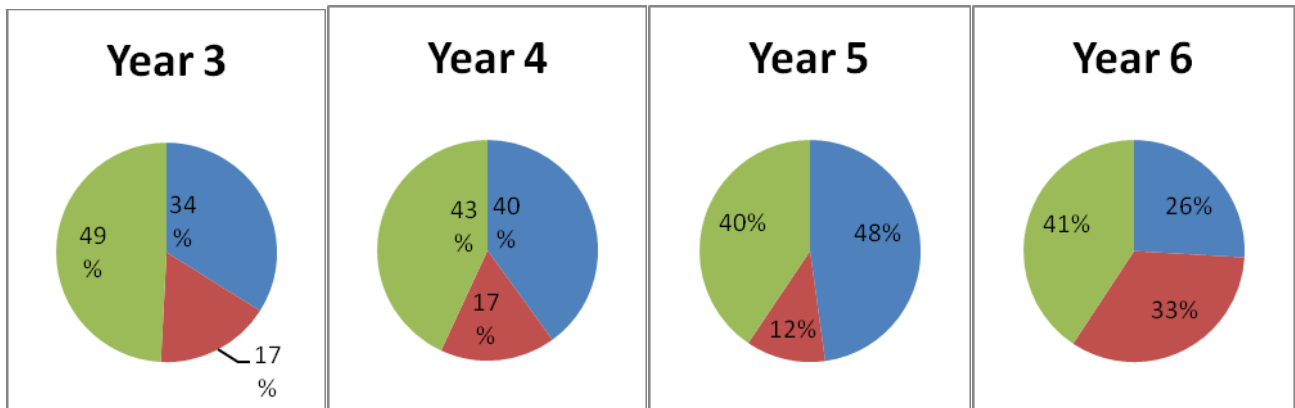
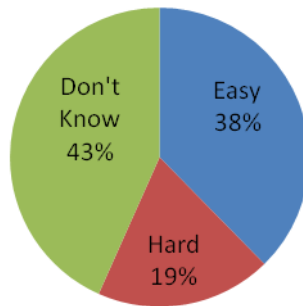
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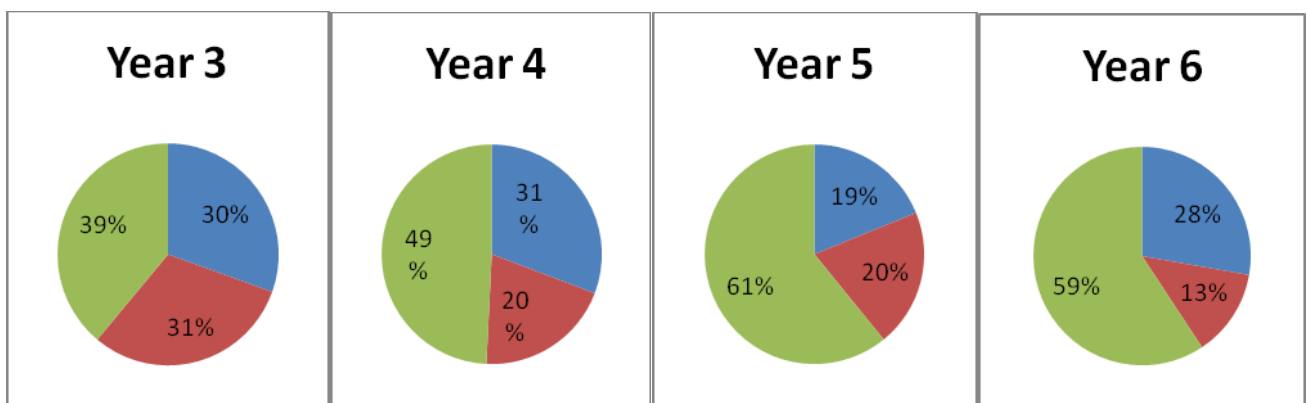
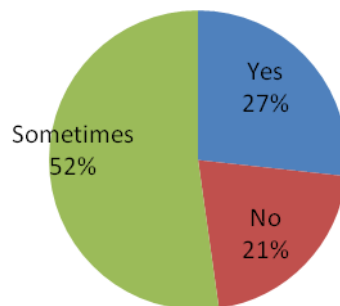
3. How do you find homework mostly?

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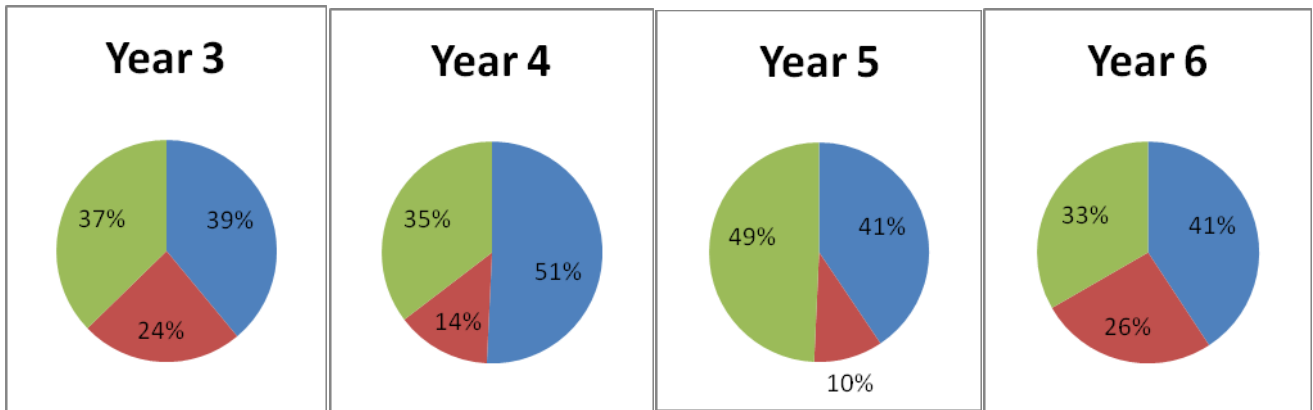
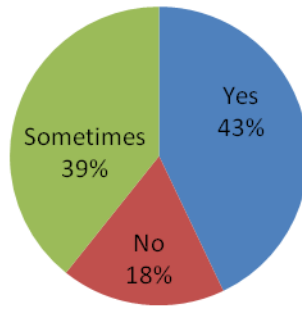
4. Do you get help with your homework at home?

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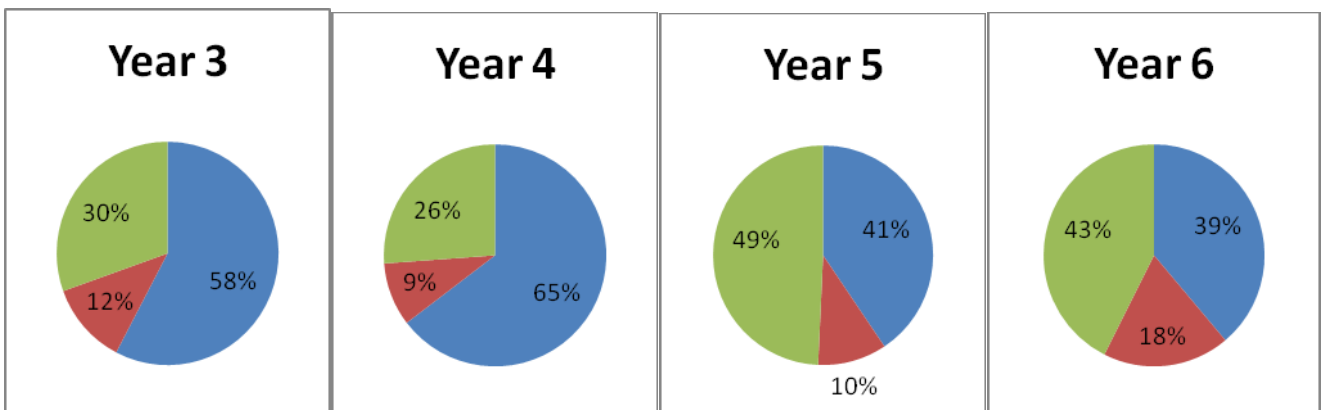
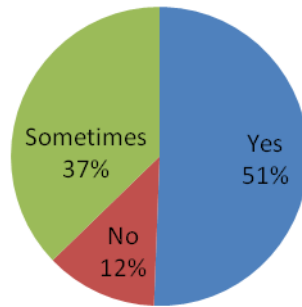
5. Do you read regularly at home?

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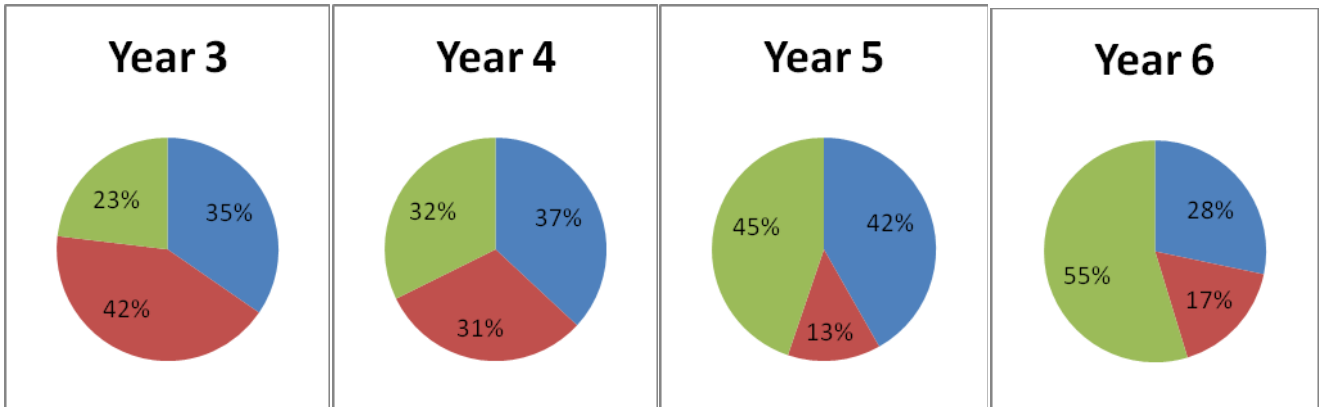
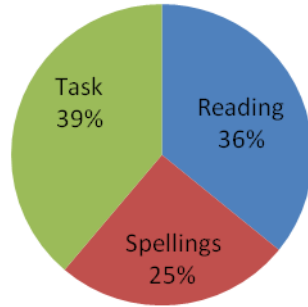
6. Do you learn your spellings each week?

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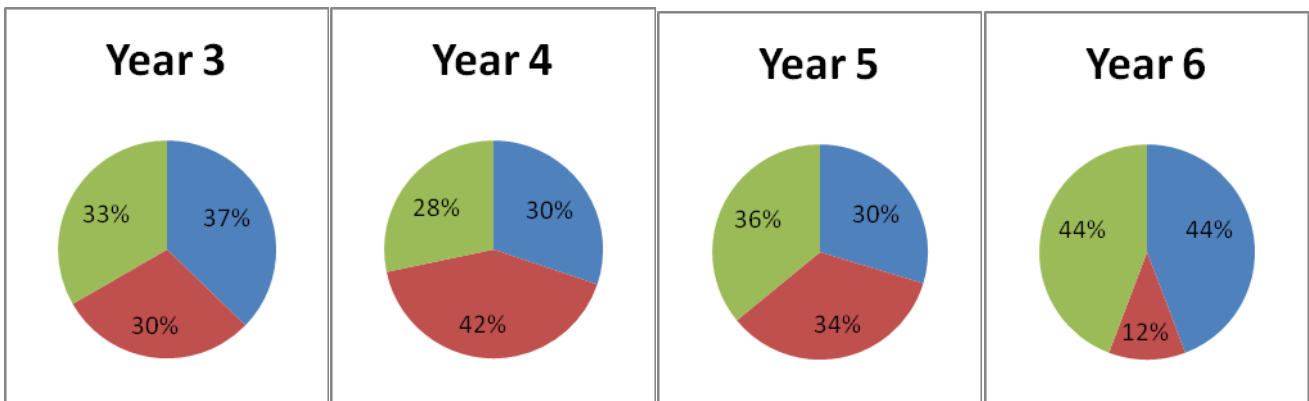
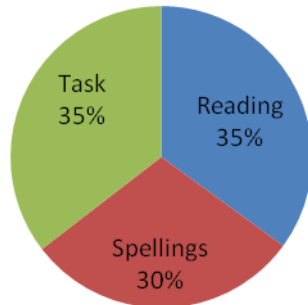
7. Which part of the homework do you enjoy most?

Overall



8. Which part of the homework do you think helps your learning most?

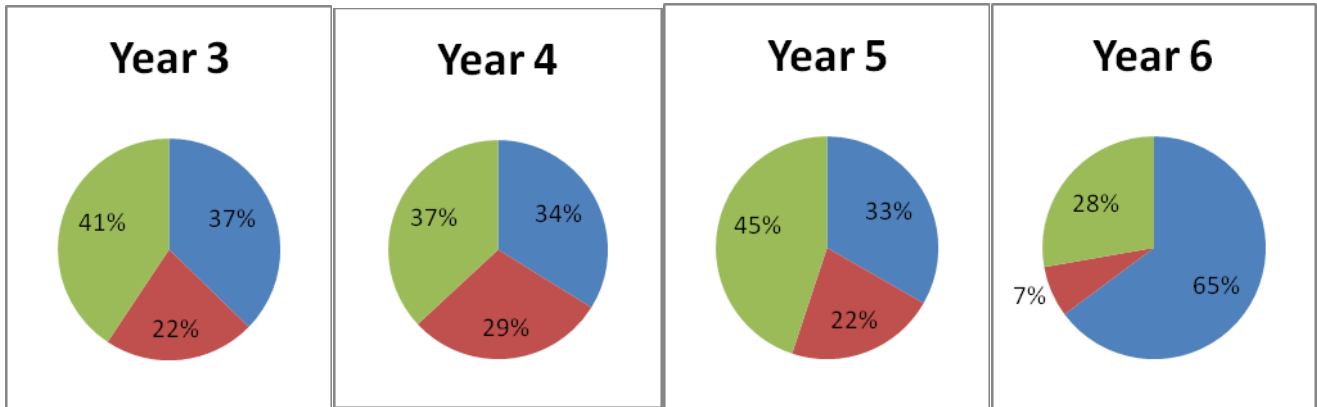
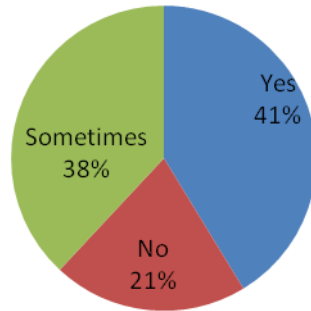
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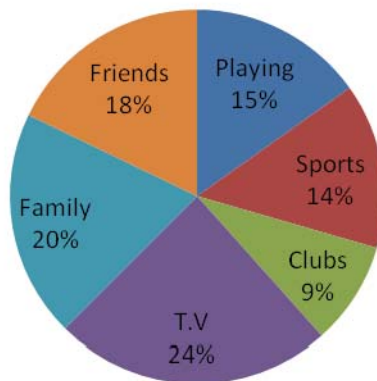
9. Does homework sometimes stop you doing other things you enjoy? e.g. playing, sports/clubs, TV, time with family or friends?

Overall



Question 9 also gave the opportunity to circle **which** activity homework stops participation in.

Activities missed due to homework



As you can see T.V is the main activity that children feel they miss out on, with clubs and sports the least frequent alternatives. Time spent with Family or Friends is also reduced due to homework, especially if the categories are merged as general socialising, then it would account for 38% of responses and become the largest category.

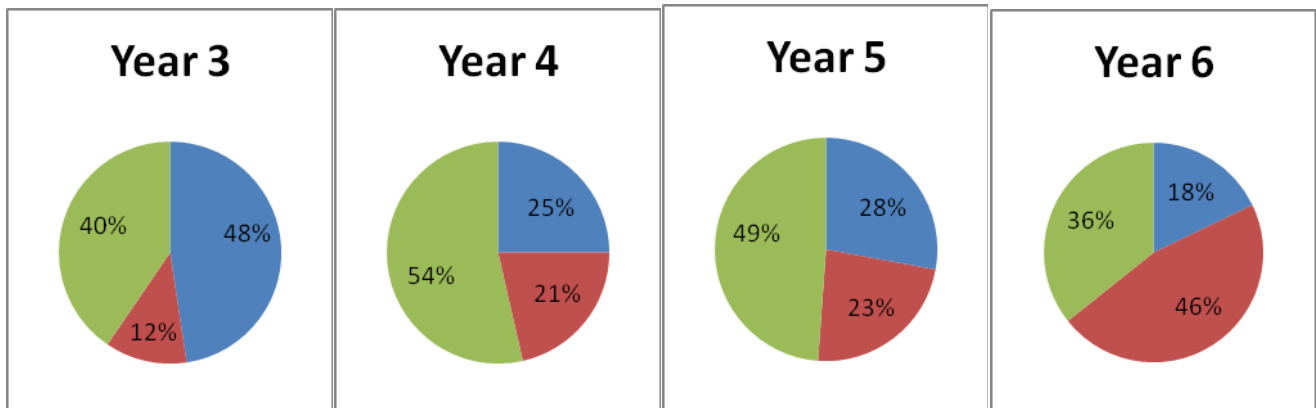
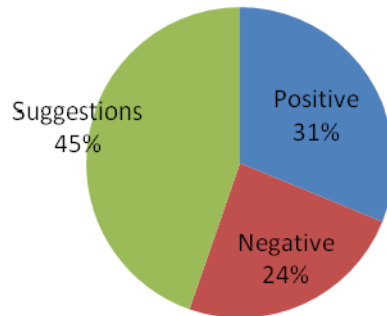
Pupils Comments

141 pupils chose to write comments. There is a wide variety and these have been split into three general categories:

- Positive (e.g. I enjoy doing my spellings.)
- Negative (e.g. I hate homework, it's annoying.)
- Suggestions Only (e.g. Can we have more maths please?)

A breakdown is below, followed by the most common comments.

Overall



The comments are varied and there are only five or six common ones. By far the most common is the suggestion:

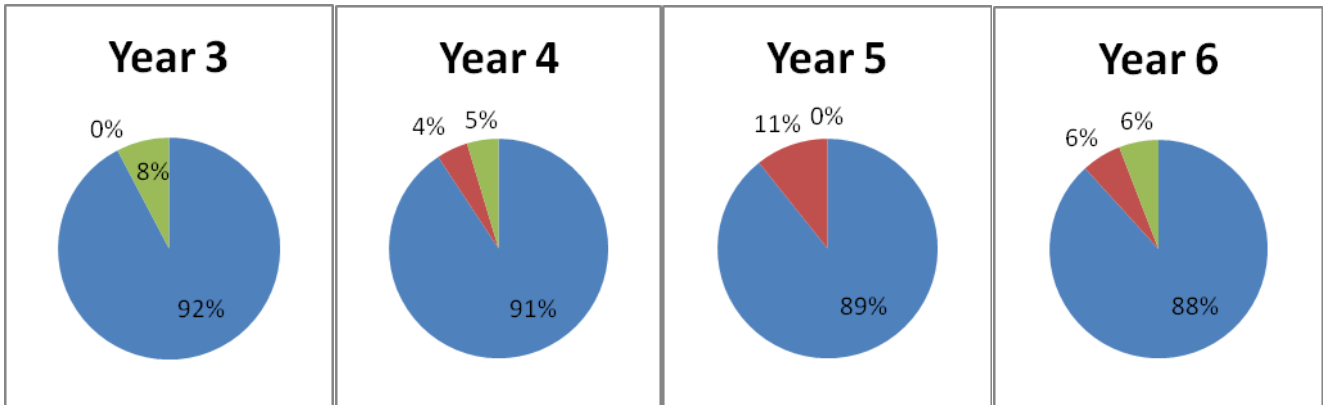
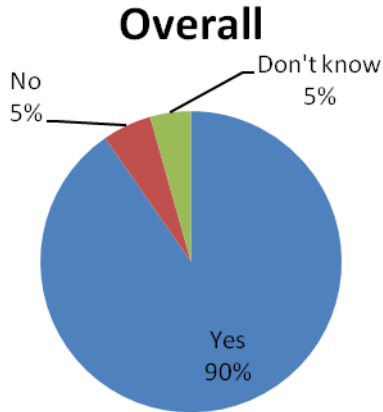
- Can we have more varied homework e.g. more art, history, IT and particularly science?

Other comments include:

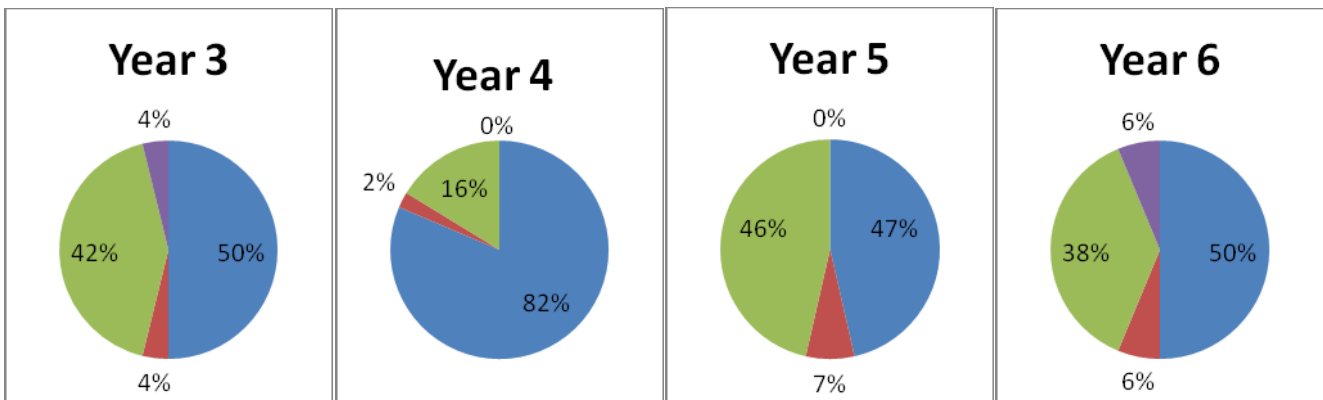
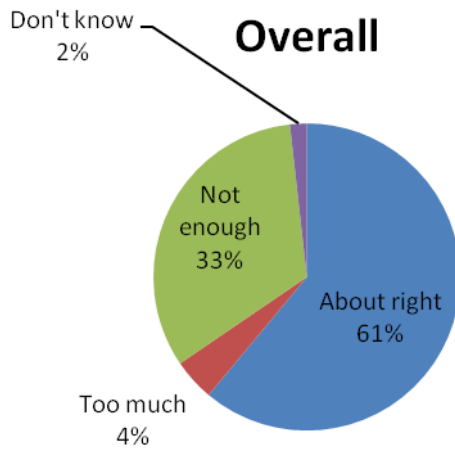
- Can we have projects to do over the weekends?
- Can we have more practical homework?
- Can we have more time to do homework?

Parent Questionnaire

1. Do you think homework is important for children's learning?

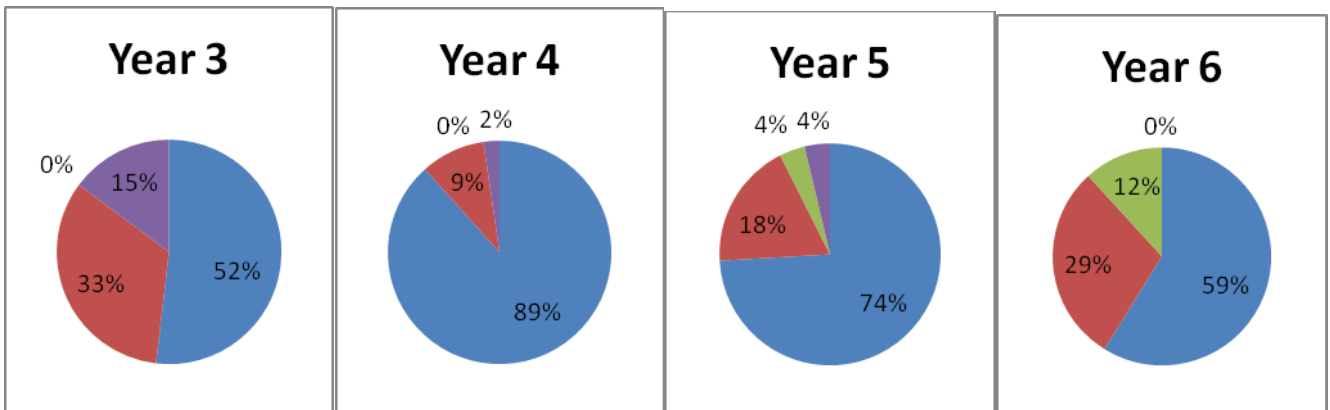
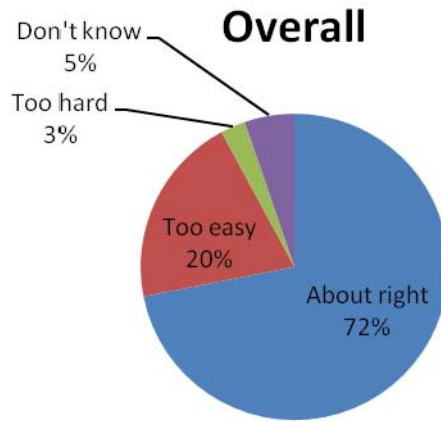


2. I think the amount of homework given each week is...



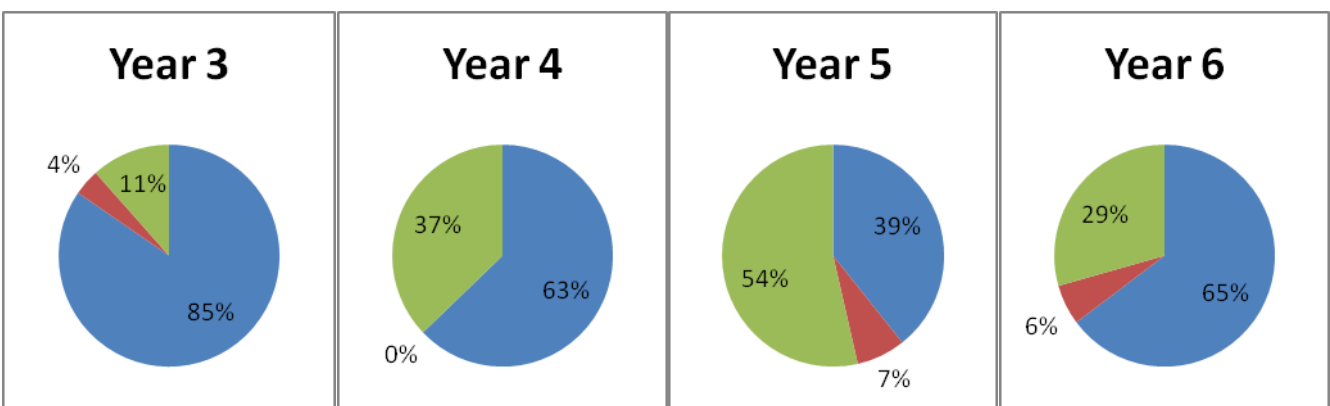
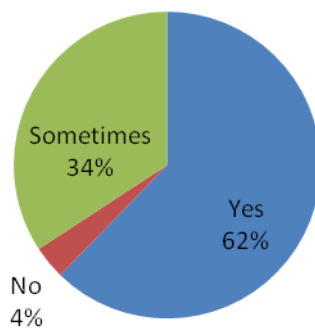
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3. My child finds the level of homework...



4. Do you help your child with their homework a home?

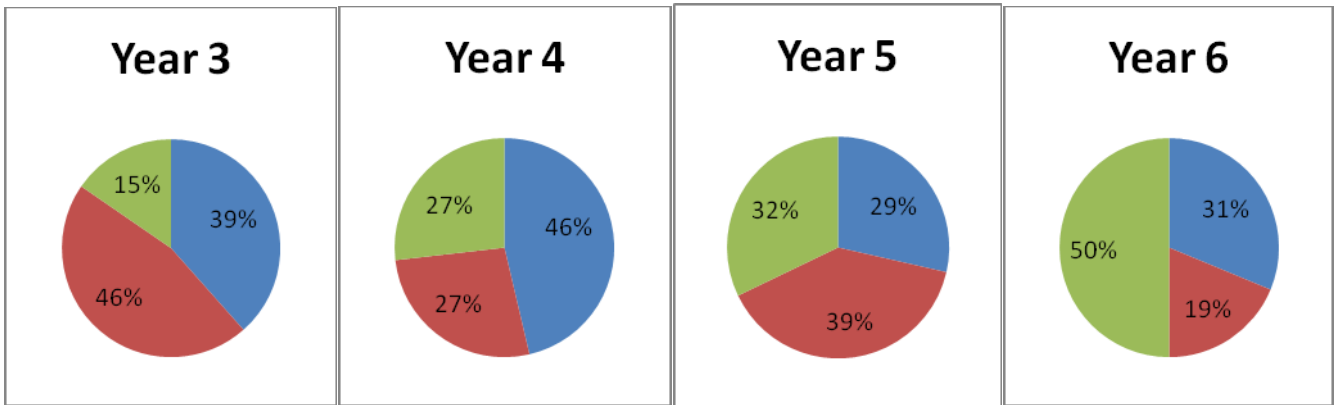
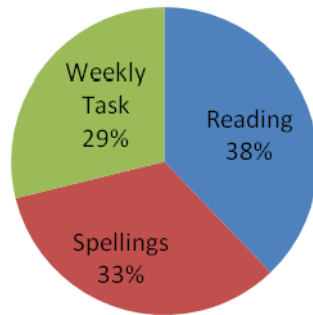
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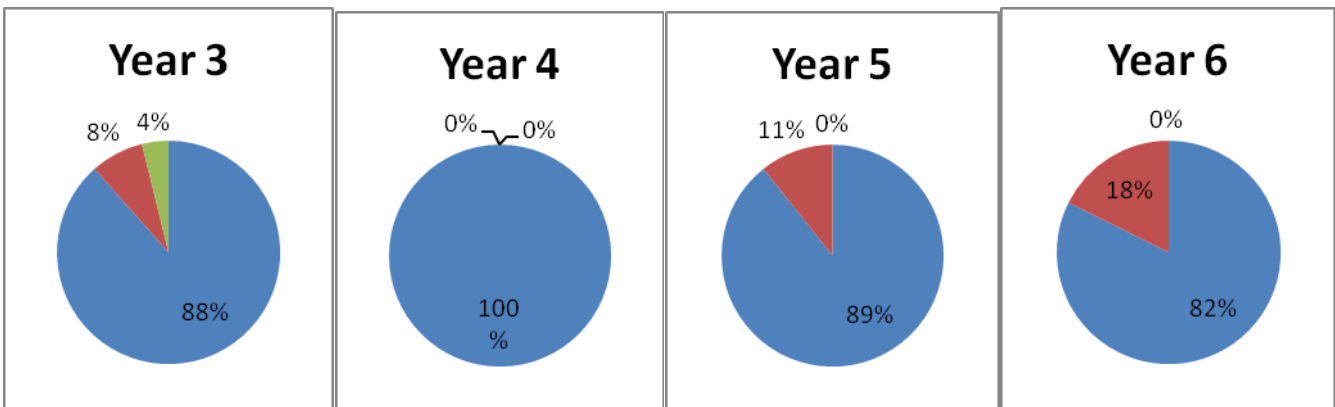
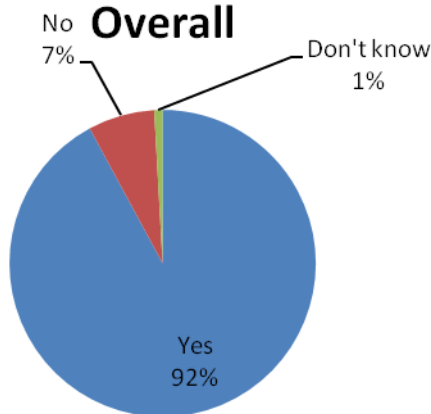
5. Which part of the homework do you think helps your child's learning the most?

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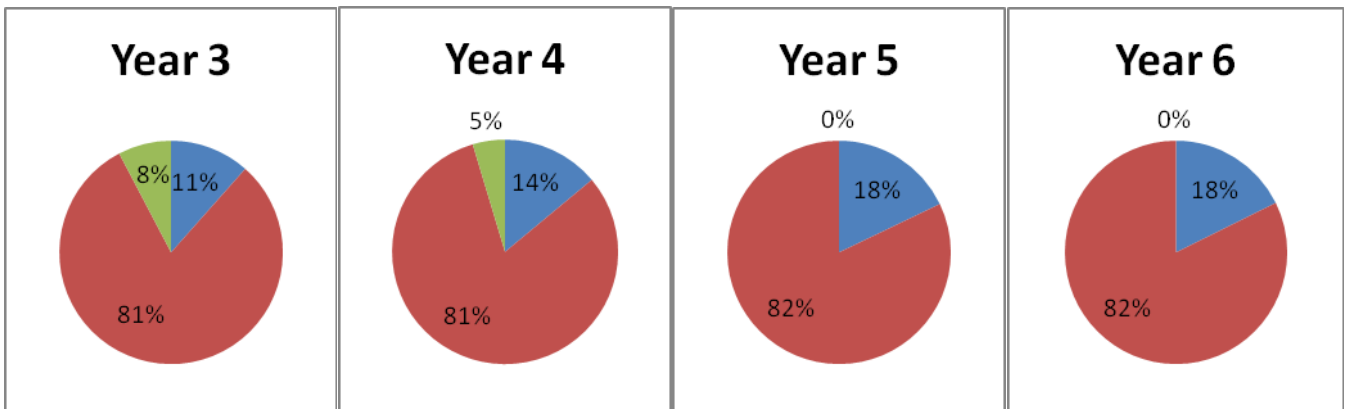
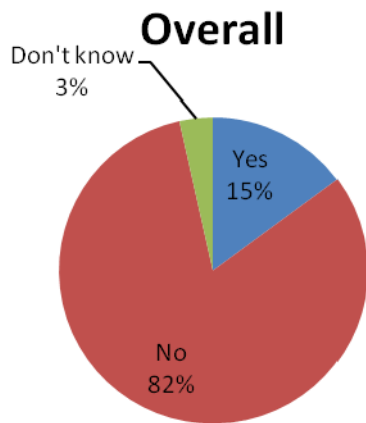
6. Overall, do you support weekly homework being given?

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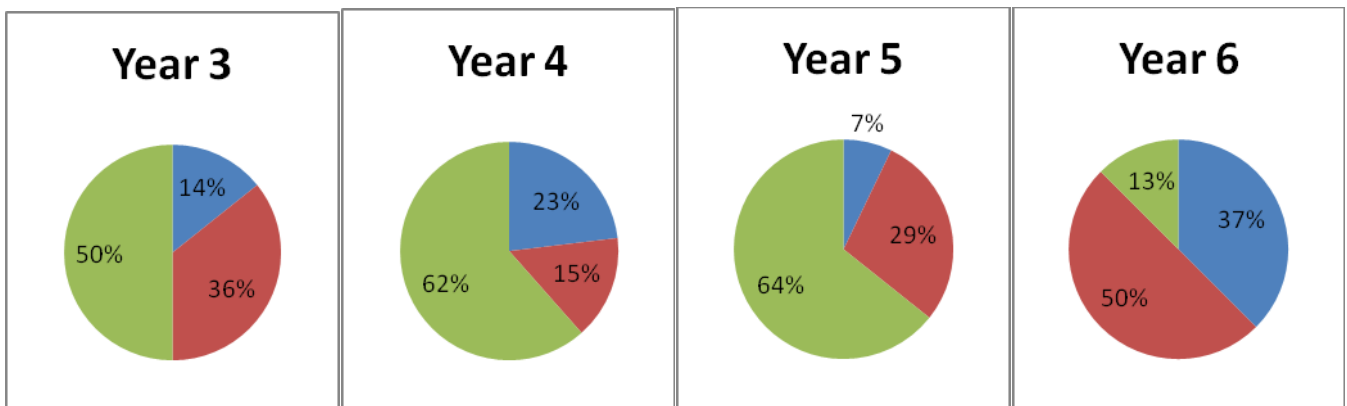
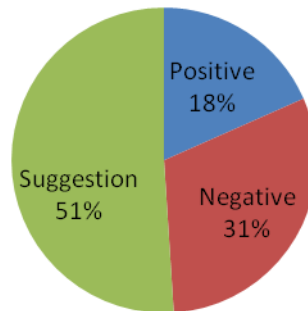
7. Do you feel that homework interferes with other important things e.g. playing, attending sports/clubs, family time?



Parents Comments

49 parents chose to leave comments, split into the same three categories as the pupil's comments.

Overall



These first two comments are by far the most prevalent.

- Parents want to know how to help their children. Sometimes their child asks for help but the parents themselves do not understand the homework.
- Parents need to know more about when homework is set and due in and this needs to be the same each week. For example parents would like to know that their child will have spellings.

Further comments include:

- Children need time to switch off, homework stops them doing other things and particularly their holiday time should be their own
- Not enough homework.
- More practical homework and projects.
- Homework should be staggered up each year to prepare for secondary school.