Sample debate.

*Topic: Children should get homework during the week.*

Arguments for the debate.

I agree that children should get homework for the week and I will provide three reasons why.

Firstly, I think that homework is an important aspect of a child’s education because it helps to provide a link between school and home. Without homework, parents wouldn’t know about the things that their child is learning. Parents can ask questions but by seeing samples of the work such as Maths sums, they can see the type of things the children are learning and it provides them a chance to see their child do that work.

In fact, doing homework also provides children the opportunity to ask for one on one help from their parent or guardian. In my opinion some students find classwork quite challenging and are afraid to ask for extra guidance from the teacher. Therefore homework allows children a chance to ask their parents for help and allows the parents to teach them individually.

Lastly, homework allows for information to be consolidated. By doing homework it helps a child to practice what they have learned in schools and this will help them to remember the process and information. For example, if you do long division in school and then at home you practice then it helps you remember the process for the next school day. On the other hand, if you just do the process in school then the teacher might have to remind you again the next day in class.

These are the reasons I believe that homework should be given. In my opinion, it is effective for children as they get to ask their parents or show them how to do it and it provides them with extra practice.

Arguments against the debate

I disagree that children should get homework for the week and I will provide three reasons why.

Children spend their day learning in school. By doing homework, it gives them extra work and causes them to sit down at desks for longer periods of time. It would it more beneficial for students to get outside, play and exercise.

Likewise, by giving homework some students who are finding the work difficult can spend a longer amount of time on the homework because they have to get it finished. Whereas students who find it easier can finish the work quickly and then go outside. This can add extra pressure to students who are worried about not completing the work.

Lastly, homework should not be given because it’s important for children to do extra-curricular things such as gymnastics or baking. Learning life skills and partaking in hobbies will help a child to live a well-rounded and balanced life.

These are the reasons I believe children should not get homework. School days can be long and it’s important for children to spend time doing other things like getting exercise or playing with friends to help them to learn other things.