

Primary Homework Policy

Why do we set homework at our Primary Schools?

- To begin to instil a habit of working independently at home.
- To help children begin to develop personal organisational skills.
- To consolidate learning in school by practising key skills.
- To provide some opportunities for parents to communicate with their children and be involved in their child's learning.

What are the underlying principles behind the policy?

Homework should reinforce learning in school and should not be used to teach new concepts.

Homework should be set with careful thought so that the children can do it independently if necessary, without help from an adult.

Homework should be subject to equal opportunities for all e.g. we won't set homework that cannot be completed by some children because of their home situation, such as homework that must be supported by an adult, homework which involves using the internet or homework asking a child to visit somewhere outside of the home.

How should it be different for different age groups? What broad principles should apply?

KS1 homework should focus primarily on developing reading/phonics skills and independence skills.

Older children should do more homework than younger children.

Year 6 children should do more homework in order to prepare for the KS3 homework system.

Aims of our Homework Programme

We recognise the importance of the role Parents play in their child's education and development. Supporting this is a core aim of our homework policy. We also recognise that not all parents are able to support their children with structured work set because of other family and work commitments. It is a fundamental aim of our school to ensure that all children are included and are not disadvantaged in any way.

Therefore we aim to:

- Provide children with regular and supportive tasks to take home that can be accessed by all and completed with and without the support of an adult.
- Provide children with homework that is relevant and challenging and meets the needs of each individual.
- Provide resources for parents to be able to support their children at home with confidence and enjoyment.
- Give parents an insight into the targets and work that their children are working towards in school so that they can support their child's learning.
- To monitor the work of children to ensure they are appropriately challenged and responsible for their own participation in the homework set.

Aims:

- To encourage children to develop confidence and self-discipline needed to study on a regular basis outside school hours.
- To motivate children to be involved in the learning process outside school hours through additional learning.
- To help maintain the partnership between home and school as established through the Home School Agreement.
- To encourage parents and carers to become actively involved in their child's learning.
- To consolidate, reinforce and extend skills and understanding across the curriculum, particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy.
- To prepare children for the requirements of secondary school.

Responsibilities:

The class teacher will:

- Ensure the demands of the homework are manageable and differentiated for the pupils and parents / carers on a day to day basis
- Ensure that there are regular patterns to homework, especially for literacy and numeracy.
- Allow more than one evening for some homework to be completed.
- Provide a homework book for KS2 children where tasks and time scale are detailed.

The parents/carers will:

- Support and guide the child to complete their homework and have it ready and in school on time.
- Check the homework book/diary on a regular basis.
- Make it clear to pupils that they value homework, and support the school in explaining how it can help learning.
- Encourage children and praise them when they have completed homework.
- Encourage good presentation.

Children should realise that:

- They are expected, where possible to complete all homework tasks set within the time scale allocated
- They are expected to take a pride in the presentation of their work
- They have a responsibility to share their homework tasks / books/diary with their parents/carers.

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