

POLICY FOR HOMEWORK

This policy was last reviewed and ratified on 6/10/20 and will be reviewed again within three years.

Introduction

Homework will be taken to refer to any work set by the school but intended to be done wholly or partly outside normal curriculum time as an extension to the school's curriculum activities.

Aims

- Homework can use materials and resources outside the classroom environment.
- Homework may afford pupils the opportunity to pursue study independent of the class teacher.
- Homework should encourage skills related to private study and organisational ability.
- Pupils may be enabled to complete tasks started in class.
- Pupils may extend or reinforce their skills base through additional practise.
- Homework should promote co-operation and liaison between home and school and may provide a valuable focus for parental support and encouragement.
- Structured homework should serve to ease the transition from KS2 to KS3.

Entitlement

In KS1 children should undertake approximately 2 hours of homework per week. This will be reading, spelling and practical maths activities.

KS2 children should undertake approximately 2.5 hours of homework per week including reading. Each week pupils will be set reading, maths, tables and a spellings task.

By Yr 6 the amount and range of homework set should increase to 3.5 – 4 hours per week, including reading, in the penultimate and final terms.

Activities may be online using learning platforms subscribed to by the school. Pupils who do not have access to a computer will be given alternative activities.

Implementation

Class teachers will be responsible for setting and monitoring homework, including reading.

Homework activities will be differentiated when necessary.

Homework will be marked by pupils or an adult in school. Teachers will check completed homework to ensure that it is being set at an appropriate level for pupils.

Pupils who have completed their work will be rewarded. During COVID pupils who have not completed home work will not be kept in at breaks due to safety measures.

Non-reading activities for KS1 pupils should be clearly recorded in the home/school log, and parents should sign on completion.

A file containing a copy of homework set each week and a record of homework completed by pupils will be kept by teaching assistants.

Parents are expected to hear their children read regularly and discuss the content of their books. This will be monitored through individual reading records and children who have read the expected number of times per week, will be acknowledged in Friday celebration assemblies. A Reading Challenge is also used to encourage children and parents with reading at home.

Teachers do not receive non-contact time to prepare and mark homework, therefore it will not be possible to set additional work for individual pupils.

Monitoring and Evaluation

This will be done by all teaching staff in staff meetings.