

Homework Policy

<u>Rationale</u>

To develop the skills and attitudes that children will need for successful lifelong learning

Aims

- To develop home/school links and to increase parents' involvement in their child's education
- To embed learning
- To increase children's self esteem and boost confidence
- To develop positive attitudes towards learning
- To prepare children for future homework expectations in their secondary years

Objectives

- To extend and support the learning experience via practice and reinforcement of skills
- To ensure that pupils progress towards independence and individual responsibility
- To ensure that the needs of individual pupils are taken into account
- To provide opportunities for parents, pupils and school to work in partnership

<u>Actions</u>

We will:

- Give parents regular information about homework through curriculum letters and/or meetings
- Inform parents about the type of tasks we consider to be valuable homework:
 - Reading
 - Spellings/number bonds / times tables
 - Research for areas of learning
 - Collecting objects for display
 - Occasionally finishing work from school
- Encourage children to extend their own learning beyond the school
- Make parents aware of the Homework Policy through newsletters and the website

Weekly Minimum Homework Expectations

| Years 5 and 6 | 2 pieces (Maths, English or Project work) plus spellings, reading and tables |
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| Years 3 and 4 | 1 piece (Maths, English or Project work) plus spellings, reading and |
| | tables |
| Years 1 and 2 | Weekly spellings and reading, plus occasional tasks in Maths, |
| | English or Project work |
| Reception | Reading, keywords and phonics, plus occasional English, Maths or |
| | Project work |

Guidance on time to be spent completing homework

| Years R, 1 and 2 | 1 hour a week |
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| Years 3 and 4 | 1 hour 30 minutes per week |
| Years 5 and 6 | 2 hours per week |

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed by the Headteacher in consultation with staff and governors. It will be reviewed every 3 years by the governors' curriculum committee.

| Signed | Date |
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| (Chair of Governors) | |