

HOMEWORK

We believe that homework is a number of tasks or activities which pupils are asked to do on their own or with their parents in order to reinforce curricular objectives and learning outcomes.

We believe homework consolidates and reinforces skills and understanding in numeracy, literacy and other curriculum areas, helps raise the level of achievement of individual pupils, provides opportunities for parents and children to work together and, thereby, fostering an effective partnership between home and school.

We consider homework should be:

- interesting and rewarding for all children;
- integrated into everyday planning and set by the class teacher;
- differentiated to cater for individual children's learning needs;
- clearly understood so that children understand when, what and how the work is to be done;
- marked and fed back to the children promptly

We value the support of parents/carers and we believe that this policy will be successful if there is a strong partnership between home and school which is reflected in the Home-School Agreement.

Aims

To reinforce curricular objectives and learning outcomes by setting interesting tasks or activities.

Procedure

Role of the Principal

The Principal will:

- promote this policy by raising its status and importance;
- ensure that homework is built into teachers planning;
- provide supportive guidance for parents;
- keep up to date with new developments with regard to homework;
- monitor and evaluate this policy

Role of the Teachers

Teachers must:

- integrate homework into their planning;
- set interesting tasks or activities;
- set homework appropriate to each child;
- explain when, what and how the work is to be done so that each child clearly understands;
- provide feedback in line with the marking and feedback policy

Role of Parents/Carers

Parents/carers are asked to:

- sign the Home-School Agreement indicating their support for homework;
- praise the value of homework to their children;
- provide a suitable space in their home where their children can concentrate on their home work;
- establish a homework routine such as no television;
- provide materials pens, pencils etc.;
- go through the homework before their child starts and discuss the completed work when finished;
- make the experience pleasurable;
- find time to work with their child or be at hand if a problem arises;

- discuss, encourage and praise their child's efforts;
- contact the school if they are not sure of some aspect of the homework or if their child is experiencing difficulties in doing it;
- ensure they get feedback on all homework tasks or activities;
- complete an annual evaluation form on homework for the school to monitor and evaluate

Role of Children

Children are asked to:

- complete their homework and hand it in on time;
- make sure they understand what is asked of them;
- complete an annual evaluation form on homework for the school to monitor and evaluate;
- make sure they get feedback on their homework;

Types of Homework

All homework tasks and activities are designed to consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding numeracy and literacy.

Time Allocation

We recommend the following time allocation:

Foundation/Key Stage 1

Up to 1 hour per week (Approximately 10-15 minutes per night)

Year 3 and 4

Up to 2-2.5 hours per week (Approximately 25-30 minutes per night)

Year 5

Up to 3-3.5 hours per week (Approximately 40 minutes per night)

Year 6

Up to 1 hour per night or 5 hours per week

Key Stage 3 (Year 7-9)

Up to 60-90 minutes per night

Key Stage 4 (Year 10-11)

Up to 90-120 minutes per night

Feedback

All children receive prompt feedback on their homework in a variety of forms such as:

- verbal and written
- class discussion
- praise and recognition during an achievement assembly

Parents are asked to:

- give teachers any feedback they feel might be useful;
- encourage their children to talk about the feedback they have received;
- contact the school if they have any concerns

Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy

Annually the effectiveness of this policy will be reviewed, or when the need arises, and the necessary recommendations for improvement will be made to the governor