

## Firfield Primary School

### Homework Policy

At Firfield Primary School we value the Home - School partnership, working with parents and carers to enable children to achieve their full potential; developing interests and skills outside of the classroom.

We seek to foster an active educational partnership between home and school. To help parents and carers to support their child's learning at home we have produced the following policy to guide teachers and parents in working together. In this policy, 'homework' is defined as any work or activities which the children are asked to do outside of lesson time, either on their own or with their parents or carers.

It is hoped that families will support the work of school by familiarising themselves with the type of tasks set and helping their children to develop good working routines.

#### **The Purposes of Homework**

- **To provide opportunities for pupils, parents and the school to work in partnership**
- **To enable parents to gain an insight into their child's learning**
- **To encourage pupils to develop independent study skills over time and the self discipline required of them as they continue their educational journey through primary school and beyond**
- **To consolidate, revise or extend skills and understanding- particularly in Literacy and Numeracy.**

Homework projects will be set over each half term for children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5. They are collected in the week before the end of term.

Projects will encourage children to use a range of skills and understanding in varied activities and directly support their learning in the classroom. They may have a strong English or Maths focus, which will alternate within the projects. Opportunities for ICT will, however be linked to all projects if children wish to access their learning in this way, but this is not a requirement.

There will be 'Homework Display' boards around the school, which will be updated after the submission of each project. This is to value the work the children are doing at home and to link directly with the work in school.

No homework will be set over holiday periods for children in Years R - 5 or when children are on residential trips. Revision papers will sometimes be given to Year 6 children for the holidays throughout the year.

- No additional work will be set for parents wishing to take their children on holiday during term time and -unless Exceptional Circumstances - will be an unauthorised absence.
- Children will continue to bring reading books home daily and we would suggest reading every day at home. Please ensure you initial the reading diary to indicate that your child has read or you have read to your child.
- Children will practise their spellings, which are linked to the year group spelling list, regularly at school but it would be useful to spend some time on these at home too. Children will also take part in regular timetables tests in class using a range of resources including Rock Star maths and X Tables Ipad Apps.
- In Year 6, children will have weekly grammar tests drawn from the work covered over the term to reflect the SATs Grammar tests to be taken in May each year.

**As parents you can support your child and the school by;**

- Asking your child to explain the task set to you in their own words. This helps to consolidate their learning.
- Encouraging your child with their homework and value their work
- Providing a quiet time and area for him / her to complete the project
- Listening to your child read daily, or read to your child as often as possible.

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