



## **HOMEWORK POLICY 2016-17**

### **Rationale**

Reinforcement of learning at home is an important aspect of children's education and development. Homework encompasses a variety of activities such as written work, learning spellings and times tables, ICT tasks and independent research.

We recognise that the educational experience that any school by itself can provide is limited by the time and resources available; pupils can therefore benefit greatly from the complementary learning that they do at home. One of the aims of our teaching is for pupils to develop as independent learners, and we believe that doing homework is one of the main ways in which pupils can acquire the skill of independent learning.

Homework plays a positive role in raising a pupils' level of attainment and we recognise and value the important role parents play in supporting their children's learning.

However, we also acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a pupil's growth and development. Work at home provides quiet and private conditions needed for creative and thoughtful work of all kinds. It can provide access to materials and resources and sources of information that are not always available in the classroom, and can provide opportunities and the incentive to 'find out' more and research topics with more open ended time frames.

### **Guidelines**

- All pupils will be provided with a homework book
- Homework will be sent out every Friday and should be returned by Tuesday
- Weekly homework will include:-
  - Spellings (See Spelling homework)
  - Maths (See Maths homework)
  - Reading
- Half-termly homework menu – This will be sent out during week 1 of every half term and should be completed by the Monday of the last week of term. This will encourage pupils to think and work more independently and carry out independent research.
- Parents will be provided with information about how to support their pupils at home and will be directed to any useful websites and resources

## **Spelling Homework**

The rules/patterns learned in lessons will be sent home with examples of words which fit the rule.

Children must learn up to 10 high frequency words or National Curriculum discrete words every week which will be sent home in their homework book.

These words will be tested in school and children will receive one star for getting most right (depending on how many spellings are set!) and two stars for getting 100%. The spelling assessment will also include some words from the spelling pattern taught the previous week.

Any words which children are finding difficult to spell may be sent home again to practise.

## **Maths Homework**

All children will be given a Learn by Heart target (LBH) that will develop their mental calculation strategies and the target will link to the maths curriculum for their year group.

Children will reinforce their learning of their LBH target on a daily basis in school.

Maths homework will be linked to the LBH target and will normally consist of a set of calculations that the children will need to complete in their homework book every week.

This will support the children to achieve their LBH target. The LBH target will be tested in school and if achieved, children will receive a small heart certificate to stick in their LBH books and two stars.

Children will receive a new LBH target once every three weeks.

Any children who did not achieve their LBH target may have homework sent home again to practise.

## **Homework ideas and support for KS1**

### **How can you help your child at home?**

- Listen to your child daily and ask them questions about what they have read to check that they understand.
- Please fill in their reading record so we can address any difficulties.
- Encourage children to sound out words that they do not know.
- Encourage your child to write at any opportunity. This may be writing letters, postcards, diaries etc.
- When spelling, suggest that they sound out any words.
- Practise counting at any opportunity.
- Support children with homework and please let us know if you have any concerns with this.

### **Useful websites:**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

<https://uk.ixl.com/>

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

<http://www.ictgames.com>

<http://www.mad4maths.com/>

<http://www.mathszone.co.uk/>

<http://nrich.maths.org>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1numeracy.html>

<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

## **Homework ideas and support for UKS2**

### **Year 5**

#### **Books and resources:**

- CGP books Letts books
- Collins books
- Rising Stars
- DK Carol Vorderman books
- Oxford Grammar Dictionaries

These are available online, in supermarkets and in WHSmith.

**Websites:**

- BBC Bitesize
- Multiplication.com
- Sentenceplay.com
- Topmarks
- Primary homework help
- <http://primarytools.co.uk/pages/pastpapers.html>
- <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/grammar/>
- [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/spellits/home\\_y6flash.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/spellits/home_y6flash.shtml)
- [http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children\\_sats.htm](http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm)
- [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)
- <http://www.ks2phonics.org.uk/SentenceGames.htm>
- nrich.maths.org
- <http://www.topicbox.net>
- <http://www.compare4kids.co.uk/maths.php>
- <http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>
- [www.parkfieldict.co.uk/sats](http://www.parkfieldict.co.uk/sats)
- [www.ickids.org.uk](http://www.ickids.org.uk)
- [www.channel4learning.com](http://www.channel4learning.com)
- <http://peelparkmaths.com/>

**Other subjects:**

- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/index\\_flash.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/index_flash.shtml)

**Year 6****Books and resources:**

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- [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/spellits/home\\_y6flash.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/spellits/home_y6flash.shtml)
- [http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children\\_sats.htm](http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm)
- [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)
- <http://www.ks2phonics.org.uk/SentenceGames.htm>
- nrich.maths.org
- <http://www.topicbox.net>
- <http://www.compare4kids.co.uk/maths.php>
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- [www.parkfieldict.co.uk/sats](http://www.parkfieldict.co.uk/sats)
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- <http://peelparkmaths.com/>

## For past papers:

- <http://primarytools.co.uk/pages/pastpapers.html>

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- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/index\\_flash.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/index_flash.shtml)