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## **Home Learning Policy**

# <u>Aims</u>

- To provide opportunities for children, parents and school to work in partnership
- To consolidate and reinforce key skills in literacy, maths and other curriculum areas
- To prepare children for developing the independence, self-discipline and confidence to study on their own, ready for the requirements of middle and upper school
- To ensure a consistent approach to home learning throughout the school
- · To ensure the individual needs of the children are taken into account
- To provide opportunities for enjoyable shared learning experiences for parents and children
- To ensure that all members of the partnership (parents, children, school) have a clear understanding about expectations from themselves and the child

### What Home Learning Will be Given

#### **Nursery**

- Regular reading opportunities using a book selected from the class 'library'
- Wow sheets for parents to capture children's successes out of school
- 'Holiday journal' which will be sent home at regular intervals to be added to/updated
- Show and tell weekly select an object linked to the topic theme
- Occasional topic linked learning

#### Reception

- Daily reading using a school reading book
- 'Holiday journal' which will be sent home at regular intervals to be added to/updated
- High frequency words to learn to read by sight
- Weekly task linked to learning in any of the Foundation Stage areas of learning

The weekly home learning task will be set on a Wednesday to be returned the following Monday.

## Year 1

- Daily reading using a school reading book
- Differentiated spellings (up to10) each week, set on a Monday to be learnt for Friday
- High frequency words to learn to read by sight (if not already learnt in Reception)
- In the summer term, some children may also be given 10 times tables to learn, set on a Monday to be learnt for Friday
- A weekly task linked to literacy, maths or another area of the curriculum

The weekly home learning task will be set on a Wednesday to be returned the following Monday.

#### Year 2

- Daily reading using a school reading book
- Differentiated spellings each week, set on a Monday to be learnt for Friday
- Differentiated times tables to learn, set on a Monday to be learnt for Friday
- A weekly task linked to literacy, maths or another area of the curriculum. If this is a research or project based task, it will be set over 2 weeks.

The weekly home learning task will be set on a Wednesday to be returned the following Monday.

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#### Year 3

- Daily reading using a school reading book
- Spellings of the KS2 high frequency words (8) each week, set on a Monday to be learnt for Friday
- Differentiated times tables to learn (12), set on a Monday to be learnt for Friday
- A weekly task linked to literacy, maths or another area of the curriculum. If this is a research or project based task, it will be set over 2 weeks.

The weekly home learning task will be set on a Tuesday to be returned the following Monday.

### Year 4

- Daily reading using a school reading book
- Differentiated spellings (10) each week, set on a Monday to be learnt for Friday
- Differentiated times tables to learn (10), set on a Monday to be learnt for Friday
- A weekly task linked to literacy, maths or another area of the curriculum. If this is a research or project based task, it will be set over 2 weeks.

The weekly home learning task will be set on a Tuesday to be returned the following Monday.

# **Roles and Responsibilities**

Parents are sent an outline of the learning to be covered in each class each term, so they can expect the home learning to be linked to those topics.

## **Teachers will ensure home learning:**

- Is manageable for children and parents within a suggested time frame (30 mins weekly in Reception and KS1, up to 1 hour weekly in KS2)
- Is varied, interesting and fun whenever possible
- Has a clear focus
- Gives opportunities for each child to succeed
- Is adapted if necessary to suit individual needs

### Children will:

- Take care of any school property they have borrowed to do their home learning
- Complete their home learning with the same level of effort that they would put into their school learning
- Remember to bring their home learning back on the designated day (or before)

## The role of the parent is to:

- Provide a reasonably quiet place at home, that is conducive to their child doing their best learning
- Set aside short amounts of time to support their child's learning
- Encourage the child to value his or her learning at home and at school
- · Give feedback to the teachers

## The Headteacher's role is to:

- Monitor the home learning policy, noting parents' comments and the children's resulting home learning
- Recognise children's achievements at home through giving stickers or including outstanding home learning in the Golden Book
- Report to governors on the home learning policy

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