

We recognise that learning takes place in many environments and not just in school. Homework provides a forum for discussion and is seen as an important way of keeping parents informed about the ongoing work in school.

Our aims are therefore to:

- Consolidate classwork and provide continuity between home and school in the learning process in order to promote maximum achievement
- Encourage discipline of personal study
- Provide opportunities for continuing the learning process at home through revision, research, sharing, discussing, learning of essential facts, practising spellings, tables etc.
- Prepare children for future study in their secondary school

#### How Parents can be involved

- Agree with your child a given time for homework and provide a quiet and calm environment
- Provide appropriate tools to complete given work: pencils, pens, ruler etc.
- Make time to talk to your child about the homework and practise spellings, tables etc.
- Create opportunities for learning by taking your child on visits to the park, museums, exhibitions etc. Encourage your child to join the local
- Ensure that homework is returned on time
- Share, talk about books and complete regularly the reading record
- Attend workshops targeting specific skills e.g. phonics/ reading/ maths

#### Homework expectations for FSR/Year 1/ Year 2

Children should share and / or read with an adult every day for approximately 10 - 15 minutes. Comments to be recorded in the reading record book.

In FSR the parents are given a 'This week in FSR' letter which includes ideas of what they could do at home to consolidate and extend their children's learning linked to our weekly topics.

Year 1/ 2- the children are given 2 levelled reading scheme books every week and they are expected to read for 10 minutes every day. All children have a homework book for English and maths. Homework is given weekly and should last about 40 minutes. The children are given spellings each week and tested weekly.

#### Homework expectations for Years 3, 4 and 5

All children are given a homework book. Homework may consist of English and maths related activities.

Each week homework will last 1 hour (years 3 / 4) / 1 hour 15 minutes (year 5).

All children are expected to read daily at home.

#### Homework expectations for Year 6

All children have a homework book/ reading record and a times tables book. Homework will be given every evening. Homework will last about 20 - 30 minutes every day. Children are expected to read daily at home

All homework is marked regularly and feedback is given when necessary. Occasionally the children are asked to research, practice or bring objects in from home. Homework may be given for holiday time.

If children forget to do their homework the teacher may ask them to complete it in their lunch hour.