

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School

Policy for Homework

INTRODUCTION

Homework is anything that children do outside the normal school day, in response to guidance from the school, which contributes to their learning. Homework encompasses a whole variety of activities initiated by teachers to support children's learning. While homework is important, it should not prevent children from taking part in after school clubs and other activities.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of homework are:

- To promote a partnership between home and school in supporting each child's learning;
- To consolidate and reinforce learning done in school and to allow children to practise skills taught in lessons to maximise progress in their academic and social development;
- To help pupils develop the skills of a responsible and enthusiastic independent learner;
- To help children develop good work habits for the future.

TYPES OF HOMEWORK

A variety of homework activities are set. In the Foundation Stage and at Key Stage 1 we encourage the children to read to parents and carers from school reading books, library books or books from home. This reading is recorded in a Reading Record Book. We give children in Key Stage 1 spellings and sometimes number facts to learn as part of their homework. Sometimes children are asked to talk about a topic at home prior to covering it in school.

At Key Stage 2 we continue to give the children literacy and numeracy homework activities but we expect them to do more tasks independently. When we ask the children to study a topic or research a particular subject, we encourage them to use a wide variety of sources such as the school and local library, the internet and CD roms.

AMOUNT OF HOMEWORK

We increase the amount of homework that children are given as they move through the school. We expect Key stage 1 children to spend approximately one hour a week doing homework; this includes reading with a parent or carer. We expect children in Years 3 and 4 to spend approximately 10-15 minutes each night on homework activities and children in Years 5 and 6 to spend 20-30 minutes each night.

Children in Years 4-6 are given a Homework Diary in which homework is listed. This diary should be checked daily and signed weekly by parents and carers. This book may also be used to send messages regarding homework between home and school.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS AND CARERS

Parents have a vital role to play in their child's education and homework is an important part of this process. We ask parents to encourage their child to complete the homework tasks that are set. Parents can support their child by providing a good working space at home and by discussing the work that their child is doing.

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