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Homework Policy September 2016

Aims of the policy

It is intended that this policy will provide clear guidance for the setting of homework.

The document is to be reviewed regularly by teaching staff following consultation with parents, pupils and the governing body.

Rationale for setting homework

We believe that an enjoyable, organised homework programme helps children acquire the skills and self-motivation that will help them become life-long, independent learners.

We acknowledge the important role parents and carers play in developing home/school links, giving parents an insight into the curriculum and promoting family learning. We will endeavour to provide opportunities for parents to enjoy working with their child at home and parents must contact school at the earliest opportunity if this is not so.

Our good practice

- Homework activities relate directly to the curriculum and inform future lessons.
- Homework activities are practical and should be shared, discussed and completed with others at home (parents, carers etc.)
- Homework can be discussed and undertaken in any language.
- Homework will be differentiated to the needs of the child.
- Reading with an adult, practising spellings in a context and rehearsing times tables (such as songs and games) should be daily activities and not considered 'set' homework.
- The homework policy will be reviewed regularly following consultation with teachers, pupils and parents.
- Homework will be set regularly. Teachers will notify parents of the set and hand-in days for homework on the pupil task sheet and via the class letters and curriculum maps at the beginning of term.
- Pupils will be given more than one night to complete homework so, if they have a difficulty, they can discuss it with the teacher before the homework is to be handed in.
- Pupils will be rewarded for homework effort and attainment through use of school team points.
- School and parents will work together to support the pupil in completing homework. If necessary a place at homework club can be offered to support the completion of homework. This will be available at lunchtimes.

Possible Homework Activities

A range of homework will be set through the term with reading, spellings, English and maths homework regularly supplemented by topic based homework which could include:

- Gathering resources and materials for forthcoming lessons or to enhance learning in the theme or for display.
- Research for the theme.
(The above may include outdoor learning activities e.g. walks, visits, wildlife spotting)
- Pre-reading a set text prior to a lesson.

- Investigation games/problem solving activities.
- Practical “making” or “investigating” activities or projects.
- Preparation for speaking and listening sessions (eg creating a puppet show)
- On-line activities (such as research, educational games) or film making activities – *if a child is unable to gain access to the internet or ICT, they will be given a paper-based alternative.*

NOTE - Year Six pupils may receive slightly different activities due to their ages and the preparation needed for Year 7.