



Home Learning Policy

Learning to work independently is an essential part of a good education. Regular home learning is important as it helps children work towards improving important skills and complements work done at school.

It also gives you a chance to become involved in the learning process. When parents and children talk about what they have learnt, or engage in an activity, this can be the most valuable home learning of all, especially if you ask your child questions.

The aims of setting home learning are:

- To develop a home-school partnership.
- To focus on core skills including reading, spelling and number facts.
- Consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding.
- Extend school learning.
- Allows the opportunity for independent study and research.
- Utilises materials not available in the classroom.

The setting of home learning is supported in the following ways:

- Home learning is set several times a week, but the total amount of time spent on combined tasks depends on the year group of the pupils. All home learning is appropriate for the children towards whom it is aimed. The tasks are manageable in the time allowed and differentiated in order to stretch the most able and support those children with additional needs.
- Home learning is set consistently, and details can be found in the Home Learning and Reading Diary.
- Pupils are encouraged to ensure that all home learning is completed and handed in on time and are often rewarded with gems for completing their homework effectively.
- Support is offered to pupils and their parents if there are issues with organisation and the school run a lunchtime home learning club.
- The setting and completion of home learning tasks is monitored by the use of the Reading/Home Learning Diary. This not only helps to instil formal organisational skills but also acts as a useful guide for parents to see which homework has been set.

Supporting your child's learning at home

If home learning is to be of benefit to your child it must have your full support.

There are a number of ways that you assist your child in their learning:

- Check your child's Reading & Home Learning Diary regularly. Please also make sure that diaries are in school every day as they are used for recording reading.
- Agree a timeframe for home learning and work within it.
- Ensure that things are not left until the last minute - especially at weekends.
- Before starting home learning check that your child is clear about the task and has the relevant materials and resources.

If for some reason your child is not able to complete the home learning on time, or is struggling with some aspect of it, a brief note in the diary would be appreciated.

Further guidance regarding home learning set in each class will be provided at beginning of the academic year.

