



# Fairfield Primary School

## Homework Policy

### Introduction

This homework policy has been developed to ensure a consistent whole school approach to homework which reinforces skills and understanding and builds upon learning in the classroom.

We value the support of parents and carers; believing that the success of this policy will be based on the strong partnership between home and school.

We recognise that all pupils require leisure time and that many parents arrange a wide range of extra-curricular activities both after school and at the weekends to enhance their children's learning and life experiences. Our policy aims to extend and consolidate the learning which is planned in school while still allowing children to enjoy their recreation time.

We see the purpose of homework as:

- Consolidating and building upon learning in the classroom;
- Involving parents in the education of their children;
- Fostering a partnership between school and home;

### We aim to:

- Ensure that parents are clear about the expectations for their child;
- Ensure a consistent approach throughout the school;
- Use homework as a tool to support our continued efforts in raising standards of attainment;
- Practise or consolidate basic skills and knowledge, especially in Mathematics and English;
- Encourage our pupils to develop the responsibility, confidence and self-discipline needed to study independently in the future.



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### Homework Schedule

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Year Group	Homework Tasks Literacy	Homework Tasks Numeracy
Nursery	Talk activity & Story Sacks	
Reception <i>The reception children will have home activities gradually introduced following their first half term.</i>	Reading book (Friday) 1x per week, extending to 2x per week as children progress.  Phonics activities every week (flash cards – tricky words, phonemes) plus handwriting linked to phonics.	Talk activity/Maths activity. Alternating Fridays.
Year 1	1 x Library book and 2 x reading book Distributed Friday, returned on Thursday.	Maths activities Thursday, returned Wednesday.  <i>*Replaced by Phonics activities for Spring Term</i>
Year 2	Reading book every day, to be returned each day indicating pages read.  English activities set Friday, returned Thursday.	Maths activities set Friday, returned Thursday.
Year 3	Reading book every day, to be returned each day indicating pages read.  Topic/English Wednesday, returned Tuesday.  Spellings: set Monday, return Friday	Fab Maths daily
Year 4	Reading book every day, to be returned each day indicating pages read.  Topic/English Wednesday, returned Monday.  Spellings: set Monday, return Friday	Fab Maths daily  Maths sent Wednesday, returned Monday.
Year 5	Reading book every day, to be returned each day indicating pages read returned daily  SPaG Daily task – 4/5 Qs Spelling - Set Monday, return Monday  Relevant Topic/Literacy work when appropriate	Fab Maths daily  Times Tables: Set Monday, returned Monday
Year 6	Reading book every day, to be returned each day indicating pages read.  English/SPaG task; Set Monday, return Friday Spellings - Daily  Half-Termly – Topic Tasks & Revision Tasks when appropriate	Fab Maths daily  Times Tables: Set weekly

## **Role of pupils**

To achieve success with homework pupils will need to:

- Generally, carry out homework activities in consultation with or supervised by adults;
- Ensure that their homework is taken home on the designated day;
- Take a growing responsibility for the return of homework as they move through the school;
- Take good care of the school resources; returning them to school in good condition;

## **Role of parents**

- Provide time and an appropriate space for homework tasks;
- Be actively involved in the learning tasks provided;
- Be generous with praise and encouragement during homework tasks;
- Ensure that pupils return/complete homework tasks on time.

## **Role of the Class Teacher**

- Provide any relevant explanation of homework tasks pupils or to parents in the case of our younger pupils, providing guidance on how parents should assist their child;
- Follow the agreed homework schedule;
- Ensure that homework takes account of equal opportunities;
- Ensure homework is purposeful and links directly to the taught curriculum;
- Reward and praise pupils who regularly complete homework tasks to the appropriate standard;
- Mark homework and/or provide feedback to pupils.

## **Absence from School**

If a pupil is absent from school for an extended period the class teacher will agree with the parent what homework will be provided, how this is to be returned to the school and how feedback will be given.

The school does not provide homework if parents take holidays in term time.

## **Equal Opportunities**

The governors and staff of Fairfield Primary School are committed to providing a full range of opportunities for all pupils, regardless of gender, disability, and ethnicity, social, cultural or religious background. All pupils have access to the curriculum and the right to a learning environment, which dispels ignorance, prejudice or stereotyping.