



ELVINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOMework POLICY

Rationale

We define homework as any activity that pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members. At Elvington Primary School, we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of developing this partnership.

Aims and Objectives

Why do we set homework?

- It can inform parents about work going on in class;
- It can further stimulate enthusiasm for learning;
- It can be a great source for gathering topic information to share with all the children;
- It is a great opportunity to rehearse key skills such as times tables, doubling facts, addition sums, spellings, handwriting and other key facts;
- It helps to foster good habits of organisation and self-discipline in preparation for the demands of Secondary School.

Types of Homework

At Elvington Primary, we want to inspire children to become life-long learners whilst preparing every pupil for the next phase of their education. Therefore, a weekly homework is based around the key skills of reading, spelling and the knowledge of key mathematical facts. On occasion, topic-related activities may be set to support these skills.

Reading Homework:

Daily reading with or to an adult is vital for children not only to decode words, but also to build fluency and comprehension. In all year groups, children should read with or to an adult daily for a minimum of five minutes. This homework should be recorded in planners and signed by the adult at home. Teachers will check, sign and feedback any comments at least once a week.

Spelling Homework:

In all year groups, spelling homework, will be set on a weekly basis (this includes phonics activities). In order to learn spelling patterns and rules, children will have an activity to complete as well as a list of words to practise daily. We assess spellings in school in a variety of ways. For example, observations, dictations, spelling games, tests and through independent writing. This is dependent on the age and stage of the pupils.

Maths Homework:

Maths homework is set to help children apply the key facts learnt in school. In all years, children alternate between online Mathematics activities and a jigsaw task. Mathematics enables teachers to set individual activities based on children's ability and their learning that week. Jigsaw tasks are set at the beginning of every half term and are a selection of practical, investigation and problem solving tasks.

In the lead up to statutory assessments in Year 6, children will receive further revision homework on a weekly basis. This will be in Maths and English (reading and spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Marking of Homework

The school values all homework and the marking of homework is carried out in a variety of ways. It is always acknowledged that the children have contributed to the lesson or lessons by bringing in to school information that has been asked for. e.g., sharing work with peers, marking in class, using work to support learning in class.