

# Bicton C.E. Primary School and Nursery

*Learning for a Lifetime*



## HOMework POLICY

We see homework as an important part of a child's development and we appreciate any support you are able to give your child at home. This policy was reviewed and updated following our parent/guardian survey in the summer term 2017 and has taken into consideration the range of responses received in relation to homework.

'Homework' refers to any work or activities which children are asked to do outside lesson time and we see the purposes of homework as:-

- developing an effective partnership between our school, parents and guardians;
- consolidating children's skills and understanding, particularly in literacy and numeracy;
- extending children's learning in school e.g. through additional reading and times table practise at home;
- encouraging pupils, as they get older, to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study on their own and preparing them for the requirements of secondary school.

The following seeks to clarify the homework that children in each class are currently expected to undertake:

### **Class 1**

Reception children are expected to read daily with their parent(s)/guardian(s.) Any additional activities, linked to topics being studied in school, will be posted on the school website e.g. creating a musical instrument at home.

### **Class 2**

Children in Class 2 are expected to read every day at home with a parent/guardian and will also be set weekly spellings which will be tested in school. A literacy/number activity or topic research may also be given. This may include activities in preparation for the Year 1 phonics screening and other national assessments for Year 2 children in the summer term.

### **Class 3**

Children in Class 3 are expected to read every day at home with a parent/guardian and will be set weekly spellings which will be tested in school. They are also expected to practise their times tables regularly. Additional literacy/maths/topic research will also be set. This may include activities in preparation for the phonics screening (if a Year 2 child needs to retake the screening) and other national assessments for Year 2 children in the summer term.

### **Class 4**

Children in Class 4 children will be set weekly spellings and are expected to read regularly at home. They are also expected to practise their times tables at home every week. An additional piece of literacy/maths/topic research will also be set each week. In Key Stage 2, children are expected and encouraged to complete their homework with increasing independence.

### **Class 5**

Children in Class 5 will be set weekly spellings and are encouraged to read a wider range of fiction and non-fiction texts at home e.g. newspapers. They should also practise their times tables at home every week. An additional piece of literacy/maths/topic research will also be set. The range of homework tasks for Year 6 children will include revision and practise for the end-of-key-stage-2 national assessments in the summer term.

Wider research projects may also be set over the holidays which are linked to current or forthcoming class topics.

Children are given a paper version of their homework task and are reminded to ask for a further copy if they mislay it; homework tasks are also uploaded to the school website to download at home. At times, children are set online homework activities on *Mini Mash* or *Purple Mash*. If you do not have internet access at home, please inform your child’s class teacher and your child will be provided with a paper copy of the homework task. Many of the online activities are only currently accessible on PCs and not on tablets.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to make comments on their child’s homework e.g. to inform the teacher if their child needed support or encouragement to complete the task and teachers welcome this two-way dialogue between home and school.

Homework is usually set on a Friday and teachers always ensure that children are given sufficient time in which to complete their homework tasks. Teachers will inform children/parents of when a piece of homework is due in. If children in Classes 2 to 5 inclusive do not complete and submit their homework on time, they will be expected to complete the work in their own time during break-times and parents/guardians will be advised. The submission of weekly homework tasks forms part of each child’s annual report.

**This policy was reviewed and updated in September 2017.**

**This policy is due for review in September 2019.**

Signed  Head teacher

Signed ..... Chair of Governing Body

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