



Burnhope Primary School

Homework Policy

Background

At Burnhope Primary School we consider that homework is important since it reinforces and extends the teaching and learning that occurs during the day. Homework encourages parental involvement in children's learning and helps to develop independence.

Data collected from parents indicates that on the whole parents are in favour of homework. Parents stated that they think children should complete homework linked to the curriculum but prefer children to be given a selection of different types of activities to choose from.

Our aims of providing homework are to:

- Ensure a consistency of approach throughout the school
- Ensure progression towards independence and an individual responsibility
- Ensure the needs of the individual are taken into account
- Ensure that parents/carers understand our expectations
- Improve the quality of learning experiences offered to the children
- Extend and support learning
- Provide opportunities for parents, children and the school to work in partnership
- Provide opportunities for children and parents to share learning experiences
- Prepare Year Six children for the secondary phase of education

Homework at our school

- In each class children will be given a selection of tasks to choose from to complete each week for homework.
- These tasks will include reading, spelling, maths and topic based activities.
- These may involve writing, drawing, number work or making models.
- Children will be able to choose one or more tasks each week to complete.
- Tasks set will be appropriate for the age and ability of the children.

- The list of tasks children can choose from will be altered at least half-termly and linked to the current class topics.
- Homework will be completed in a homework book.
- Homework books will be given out each Friday and children will hand them back in at school each Wednesday.
- Homework books will be marked each week and effort and good presentation will be celebrated. Feedback will be given to pupils either through class discussion or individual written (or verbal) comments.
- A homework club will be provided for children to complete any homework activities at school if they wish to do so. This will also allow children to access any online activities in case they do not have access at home.

Guidance for Parents

As a school we strongly encourage all parents to be involved in the day to day operation of this homework policy from when the child starts school in Reception until they leave Burnhope Primary School at the end of Year 6. The role of the parent alters as your child progresses through the school. It is hoped that the following guidelines will help you to support your child.

It will be most helpful if you are able to:

- provide a suitable place for your child to do his/her homework - somewhere quiet without any distractions from TV or younger brothers or sisters, e.g. in a bedroom or other suitable room
- show your child that you see homework as important and explain that it will help with their learning in school
- encourage your child to do their homework and praise them when they have finished a task
- be involved in the homework activities, e.g. by listening to children read, playing games, checking that they are completing homework each week.

Inclusion

Pupils with SEND are entitled to share fully in the work of the class and this includes homework.

Appropriate homework matched to the individual needs of these children will be set. This will be done through close liaison between class teacher, SEND Co-ordinator and parents where necessary. The homework set should provide an opportunity for the child to succeed and help develop social and other skills.