

## Homework Policy

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### Rationale behind this policy

Children are encouraged from their early days in the academy to understand that learning does not solely take place within the format of the academy day. With this in mind, all children are given the opportunity to develop the work of the academy in their own home.

All children are expected to take home, on a weekly basis, a reading book selected from the academy's library and in line with the ability of the child and a book for enjoyment from their class library. Pupils, particularly in the earlier stages of learning to read, will have the opportunity to take their structured reading books home regularly. Children are expected to read at home to an adult at least three times a week and recorded in their pupil planners.

Pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 have weekly spelling homework. The spellings should be thoroughly learnt and practiced for end of week tests. The number of spellings tested is progressive across the academy with year 1 receiving 6 spellings and year 6, 15.

The learning of multiplication tables is encouraged from an early stage and pupils are expected to learn these as preparation for weekly testing. By the time children leave year 4, they should know all their times tables up to 12 x 12.

Children are encouraged to undertake follow-up work or research at home on specific subjects or topics set by the class teacher. These homework projects are then shared and celebrated in class and assembly time to showcase home learning.

Pupils in Foundation stage should recap phonics daily; read daily; write & count in lots of fun ways.

Pupils in Year 1-2 have one formally set period of homework each week. (Alternates between English & Maths)

Pupils in Year 3-5 have two formally set periods of homework each week. Maths, English, Reading, Spellings, Multiplication tables.

Pupils in Year 6 have 2 formally set periods of homework, but can vary to needs.

Homework is also given during academy holidays to try and avoid 'dips', especially the summer break. Parents are encouraged to get their children writing postcards, keeping

diaries, continue reading, enjoy maths, spending pocket money, counting shells, cooking, take public transport etc. etc.

Children have set deadlines for when homework is to be received back in to the academy. Homework is handed out on a Thursday to be handed in on the following Monday. If children fail to complete homework, without a reasonable reason provided by parents, children are required to attend study club at lunchtime until the work is completed.

### **General**

This policy and its intentions will always reflect the present and future needs of all stakeholders and to support this we are always open to suggestions for changes and alterations of and to any specific individual provision / requirement to ensure full access to all.

