



Astbury St Mary's C of E. Primary School

Walk in love as Christ loves you. Ephesians 5:2

A Christian family who care, share and learn together

Homework statement

A guide for parents and carers

At Astbury St. Mary's C of E Primary School we regard homework as any supported or independent task which our children are asked to do outside school or lesson time, either by themselves or with parents or carers, which reinforces, extends or enriches current learning.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of homework are:-

- To enable pupils to make maximum progress in their academic and social development
- To help pupils to develop the skills of an independent learner
- To promote cooperation between home and school in supporting each child's learning
- To enable all aspects of the curriculum to be covered in sufficient depth
- To consolidate and reinforce the learning in school, and to allow children to practise skills taught in lessons
- To help children develop good work habits for the future
- To prepare children for the next stage in their education.

PURPOSE

Homework plays a positive role in raising a child's level of attainment and can add much to a child's development. However, we also acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development. While homework is important, it should not prevent children from taking part in the activities of various out-of-school clubs, family time and of other organisations that play an important part in the lives of our children. Indeed we see homework as an important example of co-operation between teachers and parents.

AMOUNT

As children move through the school, we increase the amount of homework we give to them. We aim to give advance notification of expectations so that the children can take part in other activities. All class teachers detail further guidance relating to homework in their curriculum letters to parents at the start of each term.

EYFS:

Approximately one hour per week (including reading, phonics and high frequency words). We encourage children to read as often as possible and support learning from school. Homework includes maths and English.

Key Stage One:

Approximately one hour per week (including reading and phonics). We encourage children to read as often as possible and support learning from school. Homework includes maths, English and topic work.

Key Stage Two:

Years 3 and 4: Approximately 1½ hours per week – maths (including x tables), English (including spelling and reading), topic and science as appropriate.

Years 5 and 6: Approximately 2 hours per week – maths (including x tables), English (including spelling and reading), topic and science as appropriate.

ROLE OF PARENTS

Parents have a vital role to play in their child's education, and homework is an important part of this process. We ask parents to encourage their child to complete the homework tasks that are set. We invite them to help their children as and when they feel it necessary, and to provide them with the sort of environment that allows children to do their best. Parents can support their child by providing a good working space at home, be enabling their child to visit the library regularly, and by discussing the work that their child is doing.

We ask parents to check the home-school diaries frequently and to value the presentation of homework. It needs doing well and to be in on time.

We do not generally set homework for absences taken in term time unless circumstances are such that a child is able to work from home. This is arranged on an individual basis between the school and the parents.

If parents have any questions about homework, they should, in the first instance, contact the child's class teacher. If their questions are of a more general nature, they should contact the Headteacher. Finally, if they wish to make a complaint about the school homework statement, or the way it is implemented, parents should contact the governing body.

TOP TIPS – to help you to be homework friendly:

- Encourage, but do not do the work for your child.
- Make homework a regular part of home life. Organise other activities around it.
- Ask in school if either you or your child do not understand the task.
- Help your child find a quiet place for homework.
- Encourage your child to read for pleasure too.
- Support your child to make homework a positive experience.
- Motivate and praise when homework is done well.
- Remember it is very important that homework is well presented and completed on time.
- Get into the habit early of hearing your child read and sharing books together – it is vital to their future success.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Homework is set for October, February and May half terms, as well as the Easter holiday. No homework will be set at Christmas or during the summer.