

Yorkmead Primary School

Homework Policy

Rationale

Homework refers to any work, or activities which pupils are asked to complete outside lesson time, either on their own or with parents or carers.

Aims

The aim of homework is to provide pupils with the opportunity to:

- Consolidate learning
- Practise skills taught in school
- Develop knowledge or skills further through continued research outside the classroom.
- Provide opportunities for parents and pupils to work together to enjoy learning experiences
- To develop the confidence and self discipline needed to study on their own and prepare them for the requirements of secondary school.
- To develop independence and individual responsibility

Types of Homework

Homework will consist of a variety of activities which will be dependent on the age and ability of the children. Not all homework will require a written response but expectations will be made clear to the pupils when the homework is set.

Some activities may include:

- Investigations
- Drawing or designing
- Research
- Revision
- Interviews
- Drafting work
- Simple experiments
- Model making
- Preparing a talk for the class

Reception

Regular reading and discussion is vital and is essential all through the primary school.

Spellings may be introduced for some children during the summer term.

Year 1

Daily reading is essential

Weekly spellings

Learning of Key vocabulary where appropriate

Numeracy related to work carried out in class.

Year 2

Daily reading is essential

Weekly spellings

Learning of Key vocabulary where appropriate

Numeracy related to work carried out in class.

Learning 2,5,10 times tables

Homework related to SATS may be given during the Spring and Summer terms.

Year 3

Daily reading is essential

Weekly spellings

Numeracy related to work carried out in class

Learning 3,4,6 times tables

Literacy work related to work carried out in class.

Year 4

Daily reading is essential

Weekly spellings

Numeracy related to work carried out in class.

Learning 7,8,9 times tables

Literacy work related to work carried out in class.

Year 5

Daily reading is essential

Weekly spellings

Numeracy related to work carried out in class.

Continued learning and consolidation of times tables

Literacy work related to work carried out in class.

Year 6

Daily reading is essential

Weekly spellings

Numeracy related to work carried out in class.

Continued learning and consolidation of times tables

Literacy work related to work carried out in class.

Additional work based around SATS will be given throughout the year.

These are the regular pieces of homework that the pupils are set. Other work may be given during the course of a term which relates to a particular scheme of work. E.g, a history research project, a science experiment, a DT design or evaluation.

All homework will be given clear completion dates.

All KS2 children will be given a homework book in which to complete work.

Expectation

All homework will have clear objectives and be linked to work that is being carried out in class.

The school is aware that many children have commitments outside of school and therefore teachers will ensure that completion dates for homework take account of this.

All children are expected to complete the homework set and should speak to their teacher before the completion date if they are experiencing difficulties.

Parents should make it clear to pupils that they value homework and encourage deadlines to be met.

Parents will be expected to provide a reasonably peaceful, suitable place in which the pupil can complete their homework, either alone or with an adult.

Marking and Feedback

Marking of homework will be consistent with the type of homework set. Effective marking and feedback are fundamental to helping pupils make progress. Pupils will therefore be given prompt and appropriate feedback on what they have done **though not all homework will be formally 'marked.'**

Feedback to home will be through:

- Pupils' own comments and discussions with parents
- Dialogue with parents at the end of the day
- Pupils' homework book

- Home/School diaries
- Spelling books

Special Educational Needs

Pupils with Special Educational Needs will also be expected to complete homework tasks. These, however will often be different to those given to the majority of a class and will reflect the pupil's ability and needs.

Review

This policy will be reviewed every two years.

Policy agreed on _____ January 2010 _____

Review Date _____ January 2012 _____