



**Love, Laugh, Learn – Walking with Jesus to life in all its fullness, John 10:10**

## **Abbey CofE Infant School**

### **Homework policy**

**Rationale:** We believe that homework supports, extends and consolidates the learning covered in the classroom while supporting children to develop self- discipline, independence and the ability to take responsibility for their own learning.

#### **This policy aims to:**

- Raise achievement;
- Ensure a consistency of approach throughout the school;
- Ensure teachers, parents and carers have a clear understanding about expectations of themselves and pupils.

#### **The main purpose of homework is:**

- to consolidate and reinforce the skills and understanding developed at school in the key areas of reading, writing and language development.
- to develop a love of reading and to become a confident, independent reader by the end of KS1.

#### **Principles.**

- The amount and difficulty of homework is tailored according to the child's age and ability.
- Sufficient time is allowed for the completion of homework to allow for a healthy home/school work balance.
- Teacher's incorporate homework into their weekly planning and ensure that the tasks are differentiated, purposeful and aimed at developing and consolidating basic skills.
- Teachers provide parents and pupils with support when required through clear instructions, guidance and in providing suitable resources.

#### **Homework Guidelines.**

We believe that the most important homework activity is regular reading. Suggested reading times are 10 minutes every day. This could be 5 minutes listening to your child read and 5 minutes reading a story to your child.

There is an expectation that reading at home will happen daily (5 times a week minimum). It is important for parents / carers to read with children and to discuss books, pictures and stories, even when they are in Year 2. Children's reading diaries are to be signed and dated by parents / carers daily, after hearing children read.

## NURSERY

Area of Learning	Task type	Weekly time guide
Language development	Engaging in conversation about your child's day. You could -sing a song together -play a game -draw a picture	Daily At least 10 minutes
Reading	Adult reading to child	Daily 5 minutes
Physical Development	Possible activities: Cutting out Colouring in Doing a dance together Playing with a ball together Going to the park	4 times a week 20 minutes

## RECEPTION

Area of Learning	Task type	Weekly time guide
Reading	Reading book	Daily 5 minutes
Reading	Adult reading to child	Daily 5 minutes
Reading	Reading Common Exception words (red words – words that cannot be decoded phonetically)	Daily 2 minutes

## YEAR 1 AND 2

Area of Learning	Task type	Weekly time guide
Reading	Reading book	Daily 5-10 minutes
Reading	Adult reading to child	Daily 5-10 minutes
Reading	Reading Common Exception words (red words – words that cannot be decoded phonetically)	Daily 5 minutes
Spelling	New spelling tasks will be set by the class once a week.	4 times per week

### How you can help your child with their homework

Below is a list of ways that you as a parent can show your child that you value their homework and the time and effort spent completing it. As a school we hope that you will find this guidance helpful in

supporting your child fully with their homework.

You can show you value your child's homework by: providing a suitable place in which your child can do their homework, preferably with an adult to discuss, encourage and support;

- making it clear to your child that you value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help learning;
- listening to your child read their reading book every day for a short time;
- sign and date reading diary to let us know when you have read with your child;
- read regularly to your child. This could be by reading a **daily bedtime story**;
- encouraging your child and praising them when they have completed their homework;
- Helping your child to value books by helping them to care for their reading books and returning them to school on time;
- Help your child to spend a short time each day on homework.

**Additionally, you can support your child's development by:**

- cooking with them;
- visits to libraries/museums etc;
- taking your child swimming;
- playing games, e.g. board games, cards, ball games;
- watching informative TV programmes together;
- providing opportunities for craft activities, e.g. cutting, sticking, sewing, painting etc.;
- gardening and growing plants;
- using the internet to research something with your child (following guidelines for safe internet use);
- Attending any school workshops that may be on offer designed to enable Parents/Carers to support their child's learning at home;
- Talking to your child about schoolwork, their day, what they have been learning about and how they have been learning.

**Remember: Homework is about reinforcing, practising and confidence building...**

**Enthusing your child about undertaking homework and modelling the high value of homework to them is of key importance. Make it fun!**

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