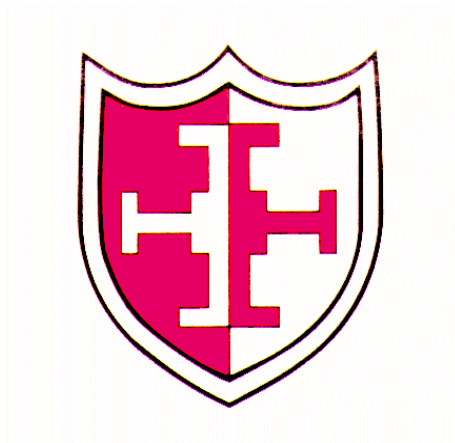


Homework Policy



'Christ in our heads, our hearts, our hands'

Rationale

- Homework is given to support and consolidate a child's education, including understanding, skills and knowledge.
- Homework will encourage pupils as they get older to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study in their own time.

Purposes

- To provide an opportunity for parents to take an active and supportive role in their child's education and to extend and build on our parental partnerships.
- To ensure consistency of approach throughout the school and therefore raise pupil attainment in all Key Stages.
- For the children to consolidate concepts or skills learnt/acquired in school.
- For the children to improve their organisational skills and develop self discipline to prepare them for the future.
- For the children to become more independent in their work.

Guidelines

1. A clear and consistent homework timetable will be published to parents at the beginning of each year and updated as necessary. The timetable will give clear guidance about the amount of time homework should take to complete.
2. Homework will be matched to the children's needs. Parents and children must be encouraged to give feedback to teachers if homework is proving too challenging or lacks challenge or is too time consuming.
3. Some homework will take the form of "take home tasks" which are designed for a child and adult together on a practical task linked to their class topic.
4. Teachers will avoid giving homework which requires additional resources to complete e.g. scissors, glue etc. Where this is unavoidable, teachers will check with parents that resources are available and make appropriate arrangements.
5. Some homework will be set using My Maths – audit shows that all children have internet access.
6. Teachers will think carefully about issues of equality of opportunity when setting homework. For example homework which requires research implies equality of access for all children which is often not the case.
7. There will be clear written guidance about how to complete homework tasks where necessary.
8. Teachers will give homework value by checking that it has been completed and giving children feedback.
- 9.. Appropriate time should be given for children to complete homework. Children need to be given more than one night wherever possible. Where possible children will be given a week to complete their homework.
10. The child should take responsibility for their homework.
11. The child should complete the task, with parental help given where necessary.
12. Homework to be returned as advised by the class teacher. Teachers will check that homework is returned and records kept.