



Waberthwaite Church of England Primary School.

Homework Policy

Purpose:

We at Waberthwaite Church of England School believe that the purpose of homework is to:

- Encourage children to develop skills, confidence.
- Consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding developed at school.
- Extend school learning through extra reading and reinforcement of basic number skills at all ages e.g times tables.

Type of homework:

At Key Stage 1 the key purpose is to develop a partnership with parents and to involve them actively in their children's learning. Activities given may involve games, spellings, number facts and flashcards.

In Key Stage 2, the main purpose will increasingly become an opportunity for them to develop the skill of independent learning. Homework may cover a wide range of curriculum subjects and tasks, including English and Maths, and so better prepare them for the next phase of their education.

Amount of homework:

Children should read with their parents/ carer/ siblings and discuss their books for 10-20 minutes each day. Older children need to develop their expression and fluency and a deeper understanding so this time is as essential for them as younger children. This will be followed up with a quiz on their book using Accelerated Reader in school. Children also have access to computer programmes including times table rock stars.

There is no expectation of any amount of, or routine of, homework as there will be times when pressures on staff and pupils may make this unmanageable.

Special Educational Needs:

Some children with SEN may benefit from separate tasks from the rest of the class. We believe, on the other hand, that it is important that they should do as much in common with the other children as possible. Homework for SEN pupils is not a way to get them to 'catch up' with their peers.

Highly able pupils may also on occasion require separate tasks.

Role of parents/carers:

We hope that parents will be able to support their child with homework, and know that this role will change as the child gets older.

We would encourage parents to:

- Provide a suitable place for doing homework.
- Make it clear to your child that you value homework and explain to them how you can help them.
- Help your child to meet deadlines.
- Praise for completion of homework.

This policy will be reviewed in: 12 months time