



## Homework at Cowley Hill School Information for Parents/Carers Key Stage 1

**It has been commented in many reports, including OFSTED reports that the establishment of good homework routines has a directly beneficial effect on children's achievements.** Please do homework with your child every day. Please try to set up and stick to a regular routine for homework (eg: TV off, sitting at a table, 30 minutes before dinner)



**Children who do their homework regularly, hand it in on time, produce work that shows they have taken pride in their work and made an effort will be rewarded at school. Rewards will include verbal praise, stickers, certificates, Head Teachers' awards, etc. These rewards will be adapted depending on the age of the children and the needs of the individual and class. The reward system will be made clear to your child by their teacher and will be displayed in their classroom.**

### English

- Your child will get some English homework every week on a Friday.
- English homework must be handed in the next Wednesday.
- English homework might include things like phonics, spelling, handwriting and/or writing.

### Reading

- Children are expected to read with an adult at home every day.
- KS1 children should read for a minimum of 10 minutes every day.
- After reading and talking together about the book, adults must:
  - sign the Reading Record daily
  - write down the pages read
  - write down the amount of time that your child spent reading to you.
- It would be helpful if adults at home would also write a comment in the Reading Record.
- Reading Records should be brought to school daily and will be checked by teachers.
- Reading books will be changed in school when the teacher feels it is appropriate based on your child's progress.

### **Talk for Writing**

- Talk for Writing Homework is handed out on a Wednesday and must be done with adults at home on a Wednesday evening so children are ready for their Big Writing on Thursdays.
- This homework involves talking with your child about a topic chosen by the teacher. Your child will have a slip of paper / worksheet that will explain the topic and give you ideas about what to talk about with your child.
- It would be helpful if adults at home would also write a comment on the slip/worksheet so that we know what your child has talked about.

### **Maths**

- Your child will get some Maths homework every week on a Friday.
- Maths homework must be handed in the next Wednesday.
- Maths homework might include things like a practical activity to do with your child and/or a worksheet be based on the topic being covered in class at the time.

There might be time times when extra homework is given to help your child progress. This extra homework is usually related to any interventions that that your child may be having. Your child's teacher will always talk to you about this first.

If you are not sure what to do to help your child with their homework please speak to your child's class teacher.

If your child regularly does not do their homework the teacher might ask you to come to school for a meeting so we can see what we can do to help you to help your child do their homework.

Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions about homework or want to talk about your child's progress. They are there to help!

Please check your child's bag daily to see what has come home from school.

Please return the slip below to the school by 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

Thank you for your support.

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Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I have received and read the information about Homework at Cowley Hill School.

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/carer) Date \_\_\_\_\_