



## **Bellfield Infant School**

### **Homework Policy**

#### **Aims:**

Homework is encouraged throughout our school. To be most effective parents, carers, staff and the children need to understand its purpose and work together to get the most out of the activities set.

#### **Homework**

- Reinforces skills which have been taught in school and gives children the opportunity to practise what they have learnt.
- Encourages self-discipline as the children begin to work and learn independently.
- Helps children to develop independent learning.
- Provides teachers with the opportunity to support and extend individual children.
- Sets standards for life and children become accustomed to working at home.
- Encourages children to share their learning with parents and carers and helps parents/carers become more involved in their child's learning.

#### **Reading**

We encourage the children to read for at least a short while every day at home as well as at school. We try to encourage the children to read for pleasure and value listening to stories that they may not be able to read themselves and can share with an adult. Working with parents/carers we hope to encourage a love of reading for every child.

We encourage the children to bring books from home and take books from school. We discuss how to share books with parents/carers regularly so that reading is a positive experience.

#### **Homework guidelines for Infant schools**

The purpose of the homework we give is to help children to learn and enjoy their learning, rather than on whether it takes a certain amount of time.

For example, some children will work quicker than others and get more done in less time, some will want to extend the work they do and spend longer. In our school every child is given opportunities for homework from the outset.

In our school children can expect to be given homework as in the table below.

Reception	Daily tasks – reading and sharing stories each night.  Weekly tasks – Letters and sounds activity, number recognition and counting.
Year 1	Daily tasks – reading and sharing books with an adult.  Weekly tasks – Spellings, (Summer term – Maths homework introduced)
Year 2	Daily tasks – reading and sharing books with an adult.  Weekly tasks – Friday new Spellings, Maths, opportunities to research current topics.

If children do not complete their homework they will complete it at lunchtime and/or forfeit their playtime until it is done.

### **Helping your child with homework**

We are happy for you to support and help your child with their homework. However, we also want to see what your child can do on their own. As they get older, it is particularly important for your child to become more independent in their learning, let them do it on their own if they want to. If you are unsure about how to help you are welcome to discuss it with your child's teacher.

### **Feedback on your child's homework**

Staff will give feedback on homework. It should be given in a way that lets your child know how well they have done and how they could do better.

This may not always happen through written comments from staff. Sometimes work will be discussed in lessons or staff may give written comments on just one or two aspects of a piece of work. Please come in and see us if you have any questions about homework.

All children in our school will have access to homework that is relevant to their current stage of learning, their interests and their learning in school.

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