



Lees Primary School

Homework Policy

Lees Primary School believes that for children to learn effectively and become independent we need to equip them with basic literacy and numeracy skills. As such homework provided focuses predominantly on these areas.

Introduction

Learning at home is an essential part of good education. Homework at Lees enhances the basic skills taught within the school.

The foundations of effective homework practices are established during Early Years, develop progressively across the key stages and support effective transition to the secondary phase.

Aim

The aim of this policy is to ensure a consistent approach to homework at Lees Primary School and maximise the learning opportunities for the children.

The Purpose of Homework

The purpose of homework at Lees Primary School is to:

- Extend school learning
- Consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding
- Develop independent learning skills
- Develop self-discipline and personal organisation
- Develop home-school partnerships

Homework Expectations Across The School

All children will be required to undertake the following tasks at home in line with our focus on basic skills:

- Reading – independently or to another confident reader depending on age and ability
- Spelling and phonics – undertaken often in conjunction with the child's reading book and again may be with an appropriate confident reader. Weekly spellings are given across school where appropriate. Children will be assessed on spellings each week
- Maths – Learn by Heart consists of times table and number bonds as well as day-to-day maths concepts such as use of money, telling the time etc. These may or may not be directed by the class teacher but can be done in a fun way at home
- There may be occasions where mini topics or research will be given for the children to do at home. This must be the child's own work and the expected outcomes will be dependent upon the child's ability

Homework should not be a stressful experience between parent and child. This leads to poor learning and defeats the whole purpose. Please contact school if this is happening. Parents are encouraged to speak to the class teacher about any aspects of home work and their child's learning if they have any concerns.

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