

Broomwood Primary School

Policy for Homework

Strap line: Together we believe, Together we achieve

Vision Statement: Achieve, believe and succeed for a brighter future

Mission Statement: To create a positive, enjoyable atmosphere, to inspire all to learn and grow.

Rationale:

At Broomwood Primary School we see homework as a vital part of a child's education. As educators we see it is a means of reinforcing learning undertaken in school as well as providing the essential links between home and school.

Aims and Objectives:

The aims and objectives of this policy are:

- To ensure that staff, parents and carers are aware of what homework is expected.
- To ensure all children have a 'fair' amount of homework.
- To set out clear guidelines as to what is expected at each stage and ensure that there is a clear progression.
- To ensure that homework is accessible to all children,

Procedure:

At Broomwood Primary we follow the government guidelines that state the amount of homework a child should be given:

Rec	1 hour per week
KS1	1 hour per week
Years 3 & 4	1 ½ hours a week
Years 5 & 6	½ hour per night (2 ½ hrs per week)

In addition children in Nursery and Pre-school will receive some activities to share with their parents.

1. Homework Schedule

- At the start of the year each class teacher should explain to parents what their children will be expected to do over the year.
- All homework, for the week, will be set by the class teacher on a Tuesday.
- School will run a homework club, for KS2 children, each week.
- All homework to be handed in on a Monday.
- Homework to be marked/acknowledged on a weekly basis.

- Parents must sign to say that their child has completed the task and, where necessary, comment if there has been any issues.
- All spellings set as homework will be tested during the Literacy lesson on Monday and all tables/mental maths tests will also be tested on a Monday and results reported to parents.

2. Homework Activities

Each activity set should be something the children are familiar with and should be explained to the children before it is sent home.

When setting activities staff need to ensure that there is at least one multi-sensory activity and all activities/tasks should be appropriate to the child and follow the schools dyslexia friendly approach to learning. Homework does not always need to be recorded through writing and many tasks can be practical activities or games.

Pre- school	Home school sharing book.
Nursery	Home school sharing book and story books.
Reception	Reading/words and sounds (at least 4 times a week) Numeracy activity Phonics activity

For children in KS1 And KS2 home work will include the following activities:

- Reading- at least 4 times a week
- Spellings-Differentiated and tested in class on a weekly basis
- Times tables
- A literacy focused activity that is either reading comprehension or a grammar based activity. It will not include extended writing.
- A maths based focus that is the consolidation of skills- it will not include investigations.
- A topic project- this will be set at the start of every half term and will be handed in at the end of a half term. Children can do as much or as little as they want.

Spellings and timetables will happen on a weekly basis. The literacy and maths activities will alternate every week. The topic project will be set at the start of a half term and handed in at the end of a half term.

3. Homework Presentation

- All homework should come with a clear explanation of what is expected.
- Rec and KS1 should send homework home in a red topic book, with white pages. Work should be glued in to ensure that nothing is lost.
- KS2 children should receive a plastic folder for worksheets and a red exercise book for written work.
- All KS2 children should have a list of what needs to be done each week.

- All homework books should have support materials glued in to the inside covers of the books, for example; number line, hundred square, alphabet strip, key words, speed sound chart.
- Children are expected to present their work in the same way they do in school.

4. Missed homework

- Missed homework should be completed as soon as possible and children in KS2 may be asked to stay in at playtime or lunchtime to complete.
- Where children persistently fail to hand their homework in, it is expected that the class teacher will speak to the parents and remind them of the home/school agreement. If it continues it must be passed on to the head.

5. Marking

- To support the teacher's workload, some of the homework will be marked by a teaching assistant; however the topic projects will be marked by the class teacher.

The implementation of this policy will be overseen by the Headteacher and it will be agreed annually.

Approved:

Reviewed:

Approved by Governing Body

Date