

# Our Homework Guide – FS to Year 6

## Foundation Stage

There is no formal homework set for our youngest children. However, depending on individual children's needs and abilities, letter sounds, high frequency words and reading books will be sent home for you to practise with your child over the course of the year. Whenever you are able to practise these early reading skills then parents are asked to comment in their child's yellow diary. It is recommended that you spend 5–10 minutes for a minimum of three times a week. Numbers may also be sent home to be reinforced. Throughout the year we will also send home some fun, play based activities to promote learning in different areas of the curriculum. These activities are not compulsory but many children and parents enjoy having a challenge to work through together.

## Years 1 and 2

### *White diary*

It is expected that children will log all that they read in here. It should be dated and signed by parents at the end of the week. It is expected that children will read at least 3 times a week, this will earn the child a merit every Friday for doing so. There is also a small PSHE activity in the diary which takes around 5-10 minutes to complete. This should be completed by Friday each week in order to earn another merit.

### *Maths book*

Children in Year 2 will receive a small piece of homework in their books every Friday which should be returned again for the following Friday. Completion of doing so will earn a merit. The task will be based around what the children have been doing each week in class. The homework should take around 15 minutes to complete. It should be able to be completed independently. Support from parents is welcome but children should be able to access the work on their own.

### *Learning logs*

These will go home on the second Monday of every term and need to be returned to school by the last Thursday of the term. For Year 1, there will be two pieces of compulsory homework and three pieces of optional homework. Two of the tasks will be Maths related, with one being a *MyMaths* activity which will be a must do homework.

For Year 2, there will be three pieces of compulsory homework and two pieces of optional homework. There will be guidance within the book of approximately how much time should be spent on each piece and how many pages of the book to use. For every piece of work completed up to three merits will be given which means a total of nine merits for outstanding work. No merits will be awarded for optional homework. This homework will be mostly based around the topic the children are focusing on in school.

## **Years 3, 4 and 5**

### *White diary*

It is expected that children will log all that they read in here. It should be dated and signed by parents at the end of the week. It is expected that children will read at least three 3 times a week, this will earn the child a merit every Friday for doing so. There is also a small PSHE activity in the diary which takes around 5-10 minutes to complete. This should be completed by Friday each week in order to earn another merit. Maths book – Children will receive a small piece of homework in their books every Friday which should be returned again for the following Friday. Completion of doing so will earn a merit. The task will be based around what the children have been doing each week in class. The homework should take around 15 minutes to complete. It should be able to be completed independently. Support from parents is welcome but children should be able to access the work on their own. The children's calculation booklet will be in the back of this book for further guidance if necessary.

### *Learning logs*

These will go home on the second Monday of every term and need to be returned to school by the last Thursday of the term. Within the log there will be three pieces of compulsory homework and two pieces of optional homework. There will be guidance within the book of approximately how much time should be spent on each piece and how many pages of the book to use. For every piece of work completed up to three merits will be given which means a total of 9 merits for outstanding work. No merits will be awarded for optional homework. This homework will be mostly based around the topic the children are focusing on in school, however one of the activities will be based around grammar, punctuation and spelling.

## **Year 6**

Their homework follows the same format as Year Groups 3 and 5 with the inclusion of English. This will be given out on Fridays and will need to be completed and handed in the following Friday.