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We believe that homework or home activities can make an important contribution to children's progress at school. The Government's White Paper 'Excellence in Schools' recognised the vital role which well organised homework could play in raising standards of achievement by pupils of all ages.

The following guidelines will be followed:

All children from Reception to Year 4 will have homework set each week. The children will be given a varied and appropriate number of tasks relevant to the current work they are doing at school. Clearly less should be expected of children from Reception classes than those in Year 1 and 2. It is recommended that the "little and more often" approach is more beneficial for younger children. At Key Stage 2 the demands will be increased to help ease the transition between First and Middle School. Key Stage 2 children record their homework in their personal organisers.

We would appreciate it if parents could record individual school reading books read at home in the "home-school record book". Each child will be allocated a homework folder. These will be placed in a 'homework box' on return to school.

Examples of some of the activities are listed below and the recommended time for the daily activity stated as follows:

<p>Nursery: Homework is in the form of a Home-School Learning Journal, sent home once a week as a weekend diary for the children to fill in with their parents and carers, and record in any way they choose. This is in addition to a Nursery rhyme, song or poem of the week, sent home to enjoy together. After the first term in Nursery, as a way to extend the children's learning from school to home, their Home Journal will begin to include occasional practical activities, relating to the learning that has taken place in Nursery that week, and linked to one or more of the 17 areas of the Early Years Curriculum.</p>	<p>Recommended Time Children will spend 30 minutes each weekend on home activities.</p>
<p>Activity Reception/Year 1 Home Journal Shared reading with adult using school reading book. Consolidation of basic English and Maths skills e.g. Looking at a letter, covering it up, attempt at writing it. . Naming & listing things that begins with a chosen letter. Finding the chosen word within other text i.e. reading books. Reading and spelling target words. Tracing/copying over the letters/words/ numbers</p>	<p>Recommended Time Reading 10 minutes each night and 10 minutes other home activities. Total time 1 hour per week.</p>

Practical Maths Activities that involve the 4 main strands.	
<p>Years 2/4 Daily Reading (independent and with an adult) X tables Consolidation of mathematical concepts e.g. time, money. Weekly Abacus online homework. ½ termly project to involve such skills as: Writing Use of the computer to research and present homework. Reading Talking to family and friends.</p>	<p>Year 2 10 minutes reading each night plus 30 minutes on homework activities per week.</p> <p>Years 3 and 4 15 minutes daily reading 40 minutes homework activity Total Time 1 hour 55 minutes per week.</p>

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