



# Milecastle Primary School

## Homework Policy

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## MILECASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### HOMework POLICY

#### **RATIONALE**

Homework is an important opportunity for children to consolidate and extend the work done in school. It encourages the involvement of parents in their children's learning and is a means of strengthening home-school links. Homework also helps to develop the skills and abilities which children will require to become successful lifelong learners.

#### **AIMS**

1. To complement and extend the work done in school.
2. To practise skills and memorise key facts which have been introduced in the classroom.
3. To give parents an insight into the work of the school and an opportunity to support their children's learning.
4. To encourage children to take responsibility for their own learning.

#### **GUIDELINES**

1. All children take home books to read. The frequency will vary from year group to year group and arrangements are noted in the information sheet for parents issued in the autumn term. Some of these may be books which have already been read or part read in school. Others may be independent readers or library books. In Reception, it is more likely that the books will have been read individually with the teacher and/or nursery nurse.
2. Books are sent home with a reading diary and parents are encouraged to support their child's reading and make an entry in the diary. Older children are expected to be increasingly responsible for ensuring that books and reading diaries are taken home.
3. All year groups from YR to Y6 are set other literacy homework activities. In Reception and Y1 this may be the practice and learning of sight vocabulary words to learn to support reading. From Christmas the majority of children in Y1 take home High Frequency words as spellings to learn each week. All children in Y2 onwards take home spellings to learn each week. These may relate to the work being done in literacy or in the main year group topic. Handwriting practice may also be set as homework.

4. Additional mathematics homework is also set in KS2. The 'mymaths' computer programme may be used for this.
5. Each year group will decide upon regular days for setting and handing in homework. This will be published in the class year group information sheet issued each September.
6. Children from Y1 onwards may be set pieces of age appropriate research homework tasks. This will relate to a topic being studied in school. Information about these topics can be found on the curriculum pages on the school website.

### **INCLUSION**

All children are included in homework activities. Some activities may be differentiated to take account of every child's needs. Every effort is made to present activities in such a way that they are equally interesting and accessible to all children no matter what their gender, ethnicity or impairment.

### **CONCLUSION**

The operation of this policy will ensure that homework makes a significant impact on the progress of the children and that parents can play an active role in this process.