

West View Primary School

Home Learning Policy

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Home learning is a very important part of a child's education and can add much to a child's development.

Children spend a lot of time out of school and at West View Primary School we encourage children to practice at home what they have learned in the classroom. Simply providing space, time and encouragement makes a difference, while getting to know what children are learning will help a child be more focused and engaged with the learning process. We see home learning as an important example of co-operation between teachers and parents. One of the aims of our teaching is for children to develop as independent learners, and we believe that doing home learning is one of the main ways in which a child can acquire the skills of independent learning.

Aims of Home Learning

At West View Primary School, through home learning we aim to:

- Promote co-operation between home and school in supporting children's learning
- Encourage a child to talk about their learning
- Encourage parents in their child's learning
- Demonstrate that learning is about their day to day life
- Provide opportunities for children to practice independently what they can achieve with guidance
- Help a child develop good work habits for the future

Types and Amount

At West View Primary School we consider that a little time each day is better than one long session each week.

Nursery	Busy Bee letter gets sent home via tapestry weekly
Reception cards	Busy Bee challenge, phonics, reading books / sound cards
Year 1 and 2	Reading (via Bug Club and home school reading book), Spelling, times table practice through Rockstars
Year 3 and 4	Reading (via Bug Club and home school reading book), Spelling, times table practice through Rockstars

Year 5 and 6

Reading (via Bug Club and home school reading book),
Spelling, times table practice through Rockstars

Inclusion

We set homework for all children as a normal part of school life. We ensure that all tasks set are appropriate to the ability of the child, and we endeavour to adapt any task set so that all children can contribute in a positive way. When setting homework to pupils who are named on the register of special needs, we refer to those pupils' Individual Education Plans (IEPs). We value and celebrate the cultural diversity of our pupils and their families, and we appreciate the enrichment that this brings.

Parental Involvement

In order for parents to be involved in their child's home learning they need to know what we are doing. At West View Primary School we encourage parents to:

- Show an interest in their child's learning
- Provide a quiet place for their children to learn
- Help with home learning but not to do it for them
- Make the most of everyday opportunities for learning e.g. shopping, Internet ...
- Have writing equipment handy for their children to use
- Encourage and praise their child's efforts

Above all we provide opportunities and encouragement for all of our parents to keep in touch with their child's progress in learning through close contact with our school.

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