



NORTHSIDE Primary School

Homework Policy

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Rationale

We believe homework should motivate our children to be 'Happy to Learn and Inspired to Flourish'. It should be fun, engaging and enhance a child's independence and confidence.

Key Principles

- To provide opportunities which allows children's natural curiosity to grow.
- To support and extend the learning in the classroom.
- To develop independent learning skills.
- To encourage collaboration with families and carers.

Northside Values

RESPECT – children are taught the value of homework from an early age.

PRIDE - homework enables children to produce work they are proud of, not just 'done it' work.

INCLUSION – identified children will be given individualised, additional homework to close gaps in their learning so they can fully access the Northside Curriculum

CHALLENGE – homework tasks and reading books give children the opportunity to select their own level of challenge to aspire to achieve their best.

CREATIVITY – daily reading will support the children to develop and explore their imagination.

RESILIENCE – the daily homework develops life skills such as time management, stamina and stickability.

In Practice

Reading

Each child is expected to read every day to encourage a love of reading, develop a broad vocabulary and inspire their imagination. Parents are encouraged to listen to their child as well as question their child's understanding of what they have read. This should be recorded daily in their reading record. Books are selected from a range of genres and abilities matched to the child.

Spelling

At the beginning of each half term children will be given age-related vocabulary lists to learn over the half term. The expectation is that the children will learn and use these words within their work. They will be assessed on their learning each week. The words will include subject specific words as well as words from the National Curriculum lists.

Sound books/boxes in Reception and Year 1 will also be sent home to reinforce the learning that has taken place in class.

Maths

Once a week pupils will be given homework which will embed their knowledge of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). This includes using the online resources such as Mathletics and Times Tables Rockstars for children in Key Stage 2.

Individualised homework

Individualised homework will be provided for identified children for a number of reasons;

- to close gaps in learning
- to gain confidence before the lesson

- to reinforce learning in the classroom

Individualised homework will be for a short amount of time to provide the necessary boost in either English or Maths.

Homework Club

Homework Club is run twice a week at lunchtime by the Year 6 children to support the younger children with any challenges they may have. Children can choose to come to the club or on some occasions they may be directed by their class teacher to attend.

