

# Batheaston Church School

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## **Introduction**

The school policy for homework was developed and agreed by the whole staff and the policy is due to be approved and ratified by the Governing Body during the 2020-2021 academic year.

## **Aims**

Through this policy we aim to:

- Ensure that parents are clear about what their child is expected to do.
- Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school.
- To use homework as a tool to help continue to raise standards of attainment.
- Improve the quality of the learning experience offered to children and to extend it beyond the classroom environment.
- Provide opportunities for parents, children and the school to work together in partnership in relation to children's learning.
- Encourage pupils and their parents to share and enjoy learning experiences.
- Reinforce work covered in class by providing further opportunities for individual learning.
- To practise or consolidate basic skills and knowledge, especially in maths and English.
- Encourage children to develop the responsibility, confidence and self-discipline needed to study independently.
- To prepare Year 6 children for the transfer to secondary school.

## **What will homework look like?**

It should be noted that homework can be set in many different forms with many different expectations and outcomes. It is important to remember that when expecting and setting homework, there are a number of points to consider:

1. The nature and type of homework changes throughout a child's school career.
2. Amount and frequency of homework should increase as a child gets older but we would ask parents to limit the amount of time spent on homework, according to the suggestions below - it is about the routine and development of independent working skills rather than time spent on the homework.
3. Homework should not cause undue stress on the child or family. Please do see the class teacher if there are any issues or questions. Time extensions, different ideas and specific support can all be suggested by the teacher.

4. KS2 topic homework will not necessarily come in the form of a written task and children will often be encouraged to decide how to present the information researched, eg labelled diagram, poem, model, pamphlet etc.
5. Homework should be set regularly from the Foundation Stage to Year 6.
6. All research links home reading (and sharing books and reading to your child) to a more successful progression in reading skills for all children. If your child doesn't want to read or if it is difficult to find the time, please do ask school for help. We can work together to support your child at home.

## **Homework Activities**

Listed below is our school's homework programme for each year group. This is by no means an exhaustive list and is open to change, although many of these tasks and activities will be used on a regular basis. Homework activities will change to meet the needs of the children involved and activities that might be occurring in class. All homework tasks and activities will have a clear purpose and assist children in the process of their academic development.

