

Homework Policy

The school strongly believes homework is important since it reinforces and extends the teaching and learning that occurs during the day. Homework encourages parents to become involved in their children's learning and helps to develop independence.

It is important, however, to remember and make clear to parents that, when a child has worked for a full day in school, he/she may not always respond positively to having large amounts of homework on one night. Homework should be spread across the whole week to be most effective.

Why give homework?

- **It can inform parents / carers about current learning in the class.**
- **It provides an opportunity for conversations between children and parents / carers about their learning.**
- **It can continue to enthuse children's thirst for learning;**
- **It is a great opportunity to practise key skills such as times tables, doubling facts, addition sums, spellings, handwriting etc.**
- **It helps to foster good habits of organisation and self-discipline.**

For children to make good and continued progress: reading, spelling and number facts should be practised regularly each week.

What does homework look like at Longleaze School?

Each week pupils:

- will be expected to read on at least 3 occasions;
- will be given a spelling, grammar or phonics activity;
- will be given a maths task that is linked to the learning going on in the class that week.

Over a full term, pupils will also complete one piece of creative homework (from a choice of 3 options) that is linked to their class topic. This will be shared with the class at the end of the term. A simple certificate of acknowledgement will be awarded to all children who have completed this.

Recording of Homework

All weekly homework will be recorded in a homework book. The school will ensure that all homework books are covered to protect them. They will also contain the appropriate literacy and numeracy objectives for a child's year group.

Parents will tick and sign to confirm pupils have completed items of homework which are not recorded in homework books by pupils e.g. practising of times table facts.

Homework books should be handed in to class teachers on a Wednesday and new homework will be given out on a Friday.

Feedback to Pupils

Pupils' work will always be acknowledged upon completion, on a weekly basis.

Homework Club

A Homework Club will be provided, if needed, for children who wish to do some of their homework at school and support will be provided for this.

Although there is no legal requirement to have a Homework Policy, these guidelines have been drawn up in line with recommendations.

The governing body will review the policy bi-annually.