

SURLINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HOMWORK POLICY

Why?

- 1.1 We believe homework is an opportunity to enrich and enhance learning that has taken place in school, or at home particularly by researching and preparing for activities in school.
- 1.2 It is an opportunity to strengthen the home/school partnership and for children to share achievements at home.
- 1.3 Homework is an opportunity for children to develop organisational skills and take increasing responsibility for their own work and foster an independent love of learning.
- 1.4 It is an opportunity for children to undertake work specifically related to their own personal learning targets or interests.

What?

- 1.5 Homework given throughout the school will be to prepare for activities, enhance learning and consolidate skills, knowledge and understanding.
- 1.6 To prepare for activities, children may be asked to seek out information, or bring in resources.
- 1.7 To enhance learning, children may for example be asked to investigate a number pattern or a spelling rule, or read a text with a specific focus.
- 1.8 To consolidate learning children may be asked to practice a song at home, practice number skills and learn number facts, read, practice spellings, or talk to an adult about a particular topic.

How?

- 1.9 All children will be given a termly plan to take home with suggestions of activities that could take place to enhance the children's learning.
- 2.0 Reading books, including books to share, and books at appropriate levels for children to read will be available, with a book log to record reading done.
- 2.1 Word and number activities, including games will be sent home, and made available to children, parents and carers, including a games library.
- 2.2 Children in Key Stage 2 (aged 7-11) will have a book to record homework tasks.
- 2.3 The school will provide opportunities to share activities with parents and carers e.g. open evenings, workshops.

When?

- 2.4 In the Foundation Stage and Year 1 children will be encouraged to read at home and use the suggested activities. A specific activity to complete at home will be given once a term.
- 2.5 In Years 2, 3 and 4 as 2.4 plus two short activities to complete (approximately 10 minutes) per week.
- 2.6 In Year 5 as 2.4 plus two 15-minute activities per week.
- 2.7 In Year 6 as per 2.4 plus two 20-minute activities per week.

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