

## West Pennard Church of England Primary School

### HOME LEARNING POLICY

#### **United Nations Conventions of the Rights of the Child:**

*Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.*

In keeping with the aims of the school we believe it important that children's learning should be both supported and extended through an effective partnership with the parents.

#### **Our Aims**

- To ensure that parents have a clear understanding about the expectations of the home learning programme.
- To ensure home learning supports and extends children's learning that has taken place in school.
- To ensure that the age and individual needs of the children are taken into account.
- To encourage increasing independence.
- To prepare the pupils for the next stage of their education.
- To be consistent in our approach.

#### **Our Principles**

- Reading at home is vital and has a proven impact on the rate of children's progress.
- Home learning will be differentiated to account for the needs of individual children when appropriate.
- Home learning should not dominate home life. Tasks should be time limited.
- The amount of home learning increases as the children progress through the school.
- Holidays are for families and relaxation. Home learning tasks will not be set for holidays.
- Home learning should reinforce and develop basic skills such as spelling, grammar, reading comprehension and maths (including reinforcing times tables). There will also be creative tasks linked to topic work.
- Home learning should not cause anxiety.

Parents will be informed through class letters about their child's home learning programme and when work should be returned. It is important that pupils return completed tasks on time. This is because homework so often feeds into subsequent lessons and anyone who has not completed tasks will be disadvantaged. Unless pupils are sick or offer a valid reason for not bringing back homework on time then it may not be marked.

It is not normal procedure for children to be provided with work if they are absent from school as we believe that children need time to recover before returning to school.

Teachers will clarify the expectation in terms of the time that should be spent on home learning. This is for guidance only as some children will want to spend longer. Teachers endeavour to explain home learning and provide guidance. However, should any parent require information to support a child with their home learning then please contact the class teacher for clarification. If a child becomes anxious about any aspect of their work then please make the class teacher aware. We will support children to complete their home learning at school if they are not able to do so at home.

It is hoped that through the home learning programme the link between the home and the school will be strengthened.

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