

# High Halstow Primary School

## Home Work



Information leaflet

## WHAT IS HOMEWORK?

Homework refers to any work or activity that pupils are asked to do outside lesson time, either on his or her own or with parents/carers. It emphasises that learning can happen anywhere.

The school expects parents/carers to encourage their children to complete homework as set to their best ability. The school values the contribution that parents make to children's learning.

The range of tasks set for homework needs to be manageable for the teacher, pupil and parent/carer.

The purpose of homework at High Halstow Primary School is

- To develop an effective partnership between the school and the parents in pursuing the aims of the school
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding, particularly in numeracy and literacy.
- To exploit resources for learning of all kinds at home
- To extend school learning for example through additional reading
- To encourage pupils, as they get older to develop the confidence and self-discipline needed to study on their own and therefore prepare them for the requirements of secondary school.

### **The role of the school**

The class teacher is responsible for setting and informing parents of the task and of the date it is due to be completed. Teachers will usually allow more than one evening for completion of the homework to take account of any after school activities that pupils may be involved in. The teachers will set tasks in which parent/carers and the pupil can be jointly involved.

### **The role of parents/carers**

Parents/carers are encouraged to provide a reasonably quiet and suitable place in which the child can work. Parents/carers should be involved with the work that the pupil is engaged in and should encourage, support and praise all

## HOW MUCH HOMEWORK?

The following is a guide

**Foundation Year:** Parents/carers are encouraged to share a book daily and to support their child in recognising sound through practical phonic activities. Numeracy activities will be of a practical and enjoyable nature. The reinforcement of social skills such as dressing and doing up shoelaces is encouraged.



**Years 1 & 2:** Pupils are encouraged to read daily with parents/carers. In literacy an investigation into words/spellings or a Numeracy game or investigation will be set. The majority of homework set will be of a practical nature.



**Years 3& 4:** Pupils will be expected to read and discuss a book daily with an adult. One numeracy task and one literacy task will be set weekly. In addition research or an investigation for any subject may be set.

**Year 5:** Pupils are expected to read and or discuss a chapter or book with an adult daily. One numeracy and one literacy task will be set weekly. In addition independent research for any subject may be set as required.



**Year 6:** Pupils will be expected to read and or discuss texts with an adult daily. One numeracy and one literacy task will be set weekly and in addition pupils will be encouraged to read a wide range of texts and independent research to support the curriculum.

# HOW PARENTS/CARERS CAN HELP WITH HOMEWORK

- Encourage and support your child



- Become involved with the task



- Enjoy the task and model a good attitude to extended learning



- Feed back to the teacher how your child has coped with the activity. Tell us how long the task took, how easy it was to complete and how enjoyable it was. Use the contact book and encourage your child to feed back too!



**ABOVE ALL .....**

**ENJOY THE TIME THAT YOU SPEND WITH YOUR CHILD AND GET ACTIVELY INVOLVED.**