



## HOMEWORK POLICY

**Our mission: Valuing Potential, Creating Opportunities**

**To be read in conjunction with: Teaching & Learning, Inclusion, Equal Opportunities, Assessment and Subject Policies, Working with Parents Policy**

<b>DATE OF POLICY</b>	<b>APRIL 2018</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT REVIEW</b>	<b>APRIL 2020</b>
MONITORED BY	SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM	TEACHING & LEARNING COMMITTEE	

### OUR VISION

Hartsbourne Primary School is an inclusive learning community where we are:

Building a strong school **community**; inspiring pupils to gain the **confidence**, resilience and independence to become **life-long learners**, making the best **progress** possible and creating happy memories.

### **RATIONALE**

Homework reinforces classroom learning and helps children and young people to develop skills and attitudes that they need for successful lifelong learning. It should support the development of independent learning skills, including the habits of enquiry and investigation, and it should help to foster the role of parents and carers as co-educators of their children. We will make every effort to combat disadvantage, for example by considering the need for study support or providing appropriate resources.

Hartsbourne Primary School is committed to providing the best possible quality of education to all learners. To help achieve this commitment, our homework system is designed to ensure that parents and carers can support children's learning at home.

### AIMS

The fundamental aim of our policy is to raise standards by helping, parents and carers to support children's learning at home and to promote learning beyond the school day as an essential part of good education. We will aim to:

- Develop an effective partnership between the school and parents.
- Practise, consolidate or extend skills learned in class, particularly in literacy and numeracy.
- Extend research skills and use ICT and digital media as a tool for learning.
- Encourage older pupils to develop independence and organisational skills needed to study on their own and to prepare them for the requirements of secondary school.

We are aware that children have other out of school activities. They also need time to rest and play. Our policy aims to strike a fair balance between these needs. Homework may be given in the half term but will not be given in the main holidays.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Teachers** will ensure that:

- Pupils and parents are given a timetable for homework at the start of each term and activities are available on the class blog.
- Homework is set and marked in line with guidance and agreed standards.
- Tasks are differentiated and well structured.



- Pupils understand the purpose of the homework tasks.
- It is clear to pupils how their homework consolidates and extends learning undertaken in school.

**Pupils:** should demonstrate a commitment to spending an allocated time completing the tasks set. They will return their work on time.

**Parents:** will encourage and support their child and monitor homework and inform their child's teacher if an issue arises.

Children in Year 1 to Year 6 will complete one project-based homework per half term.

**RECEPTION:** Two reading books per week (changed weekly) and one piece of phonics homework per week. Children may be asked to bring in items for topics etc. One piece of drawing and writing per term.

**YEAR 1:** Two reading books per week (changed weekly), spellings and sentences each week to support phonics and the Mascot goes home on a rota (writing).

**YEAR 2:** Two reading books per week (changed weekly) Rockstar Tables and spelling activities.

**YEAR 3:** Reading books changed weekly; library books changed regularly. Weekly Rockstar Tables and spelling activities.

**YEAR 4:** Library books changed regularly. Weekly Rockstar Tables and spelling activities.

**YEAR 5:** Library books changed regularly, spellings, literacy, maths (or Rockstar Tables) weekly activities. Occasional foundation subject homework if necessary.

**YEAR 6:** Library books changed regularly. spellings, literacy, maths, weekly activities. Occasional foundation subject homework if necessary.

**Sanctions:** The school will encourage children to submit homework by the deadline set. However, we appreciate that on occasion, the deadline cannot be met due to prior commitments; in this case, parents should send a note requesting an extension. Parents will be notified if their child is regularly forgetting to submit homework. Children in KS2 may be asked to stay in and complete homework at lunch or break if they are continually forgetting to bring their homework on the day specified.

## **MONITORING**

The SLT will monitor homework by checking class blogs and talking to pupils. Parents will be surveyed for their views on homework as part of the Parent Questionnaire and pupils will be asked as part of our pupil voice activities.

The Senior Leadership team will regularly review the effectiveness of this policy.

The Strategy Committee will monitor the implementation of the Homework Policy and outcomes from the annual Parent Questionnaire.