



## Home Learning Policy

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### Introduction

This policy is a statement of the principles and procedures for the issuing of home learning at Cove Junior School.

This school supports the setting of home learning and we believe it plays an essential part in children's learning. It does not replace learning activities carried out at school, but supports and enhances children's learning at school. We believe it encourages pupils to develop the skills, confidence and motivation required for independent study and it allows parents to support and be involved in their children's learning. The setting of home learning reinforces the partnership between parents and school.

Home learning is set regularly and we expect our children to complete the work on time. We are keen that standards expected in school are maintained at home and that, if possible, children have somewhere quiet, away from distractions, to do their home learning. Home learning expectations are shared in September to show when work is set and due back at school. We provide a lunchtime Homework Club for Year 6 children, where a learning support assistant is on hand to support pupils who may experience difficulties with home learning.

### Aims

Home learning at Cove Junior School will:

- Have a clear focus.
- Be an extension, reinforcement or enrichment of class work.
- Give plenty of opportunities for pupils to succeed.
- Develop children's abilities to organise their time to complete home learning.
- Encourage parents to be involved in their children's learning.
- Be flexible and adaptable to meet the needs of the individual and the demands of the curriculum.
- Be given as an activity that can be completed over several days or weeks. This allows parents and children to decide on an appropriate time to complete home learning tasks which will fit in with other home commitments. We believe that taking responsibility for work and leisure time is an important life skill.

## **Types of Home Learning**

All children will be expected to do home learning each week during term time.

### **Reading**

All children should be reading at home with parents/carers, and discussing their reading at least 5 times a week. All children are encouraged to read independently and can record their own reading but this should be monitored by parents. Reading should be recorded in the Home Link Book.

Books can be borrowed from a range of book-banded texts; the school library; and accessed via Bug Club (an on-line reading platform which the school subscribes to). Children are encouraged to read a range of genres and authors.

### **Spelling**

Children will sometimes be asked to learn spellings at home.

### **Times Tables / Number Bonds**

Children should spend time learning the times tables as often as is required.

### **Topic-related activities - Years 3, 4 and 5**

In Years 3, 4 and 5, a piece of topic-related homework will be set each half term. This activity is optional but all children are strongly encouraged to complete it.

### **Year 6**

When children are in Year 6, they will also complete additional pieces of home learning in order to help them secure their understanding of the KS2 curriculum and to prepare for the demands of the KS3 curriculum. Each week they will be set one piece of English learning and one piece of maths learning. These activities will be to reinforce the learning which is taking place in class.

This Year 6 specific home learning is set on Thursday for completion by the following Wednesday.

## **In support of this policy**

The pupils will:

- Be responsible for taking their home learning home and completing it on time.
- Present their work to a suitably high standard.
- Be prepared to explain, present or feedback on their home learning.
- Consult their teacher if the task is not fully understood, in order to clarify any lack of understanding promptly, before work is due in.
- Record any home learning in their Home Link Book.
- Ensure that their Home Link Books and reading books are in school every day.

Parents should:

- Provide a reasonably peaceful, suitable place in which their child can do their home learning.
- Be prepared to support their child with their learning, which should be completed by the child.
- Support the school in valuing home learning and explaining how it can help their learning at school.
- Encourage their child to present work to a suitably high standard.
- Praise their child when they have completed their home learning.
- Sign the Home Link Book weekly.

- Encourage their child to ensure home learning is handed in on time.
- Communicate with their child's teacher if, for any reason, home circumstances do not allow home learning to be completed on time or in full.

School staff will:

- Issue guidance regarding spellings, multiplication tables and regular reading practice.
- Produce a home learning activity linked to each half-termly topic in Years 3, 4 and 5.
- Provide weekly maths and English based activities in Year 6 which build on learning at school.
- Value all home learning.
- Sign the Home Link Book weekly.

### **Sanctions / rewards**

- Participation in Friday Workshops are a reward for the completion of home learning.
- All children are automatically entitled to 10 minutes of their Friday Workshop and can earn a further 35 minutes if:
  - All 5 reads have been completed
  - The Home Link Book and reading book has been in school every day
  - PE kit is in school when required