

Horspath CofE Primary School

Homework Policy

Horspath C of E Primary School values and supports all of its members as individuals. It is a happy, welcoming and safe environment which promotes learning and self-confidence.

We are:

- A school where children thrive, learning skills and values that will guide them their whole lives.
- A church school that underpins teaching, learning and daily school life with the Christian values of forgiveness, respect for others, truth and a sense of accountability.
- A school where all children have the best that the school community can give them so that they are challenged and inspired to achieve their full potential.
- A school that encourages work and play across the age range so that children and staff know everyone in the school community.
- A school that is a key member of our local community.

Our Aim:

- To encourage independent learning from our pupils and allowing them to take responsibility for their own learning.
- To provide opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's learning.
- To enable pupils to practise and consolidate skills.
- To broaden the context of learning and provide enrichment and extension.
- To develop independence and perseverance.
- To enable pupils to consolidate and maximise their learning and progress in school.

Homework in The Foundation Stage:

Homework for pupils in the Foundation Stage should be an average of around ½ - 1 hour a week:

- Daily reading or sharing of a book
- Weekly Learning Journey Activities
- Handwriting practice (not every week)
- Phonics or key words (not every week)

Homework in Key Stage 1 (years 1 and 2):

Homework for pupils in Key Stage 1 should be an average of around an hour a week:

- Daily reading or sharing of a book
- Phonics or spelling practice
- Mental Maths practice
- Weekly Learning Log activity

Our policy is to reward and encourage Key Stage 1 pupils who complete their homework tasks. If a child rarely completes any homework or misses a topic homework that might help them in a following lesson we will support them to complete the task in school.

Homework in Key Stage 2 (years 3 to 6):

Homework for pupils in Key Stage 2 should be an average of around 20 - 30 minutes each day:

- Daily reading activity
- Phonics or spelling practice
- Mental Maths practice
- Weekly Learning Log activity
- Year 6 SATs practice (Year 6 pupils)

In readiness for the next stage of their education homework activities in Key Stage 2 are a compulsory part of the curriculum. With the exception of daily reading, pupils who do not complete the tasks at home will be asked to attend Learning Log Club to complete the activities set for them.

What are Learning Logs?

At Horspath CofE Primary School every pupil in Years 1-6 is expected to complete a Learning Log activity each week as part of their homework. A Learning Log is a personal record where the pupil can reflect on and share their knowledge and understanding of objectives taught in whichever way they choose to present it. It allows teachers to share learning objectives taught with parents and carers. Completing a Learning Log helps the pupils to reflect on what they have learnt, what they are learning about, what skills they have practiced and what they are trying to achieve.

Our Learning Logs will:

- Support our creative curriculum by allowing pupils to use skills taught across the curriculum in specific subjects or topic areas.
- Develop thinking and learning skills across the curriculum.
- Support our whole school assessment scheme, including AFL.

- Enable the teacher to regularly share objectives taught with parents.

The teacher will ensure:

- Learning Log tasks are always linked to objectives taught or will enable pupils to prepare for future learning.
- Learning Log objectives will be given in child friendly language.
- Learning Logs will be given out each Friday to be collected in by Wednesday of the following week.

How the pupils are going to use the Learning Logs:

- Activities should be confined to one A4 page within their Logs.
- Pupils can access the activity however they wish. They can write, draw, use photos and diagrams, mind maps, flaps, split pins to allow movement, graphs etc.
- Pupils will be given an opportunity to discuss the activity with their teacher and encouraged to show their knowledge and understanding in a way they feel comfortable.
- Pupils are expected to complete the task at home, however facilities at school will be offered, for example a Learning Log Club, to allow pupils to complete tasks at school if needed.

Marking

- Positive comments relating to the objective will be used.
- If pupils need guidance because they have misunderstood the objective, the teacher will discuss this with the child and / or give the pupil a question in Learning Log that should clarify any misunderstandings.
- House points will be awarded based on effort, creativity and presentation

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