



# Carleton House Preparatory School

## HOMework POLICY

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# **Homework Policy 2021**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*"We live, love and learn with Jesus"*

### **Introduction**

Homework is given to all children to help consolidate and reinforce the skills and understanding developed in lessons. It should also motivate children to study on their own and develop a responsible attitude towards work.

It will provide the opportunity for parents and children to work together on projects and carry out various forms of research. Hopefully, there will also be opportunities for the children to improve their general knowledge and be aware of current affairs.

Parents will also be able to see the standard of work produced by their children and to work in partnership with the school to promote their children's learning. Homework provided may be differentiated across the class.

The type and layout of homework will vary as children get older. In Key Stage One, homework will mainly be reading, spellings and number based. In Key Stage Two, Maths and English will be given on alternate evenings with both subjects being given at weekends, with occasional pieces of homework from other subjects e.g. science, history.

At holiday times children may be asked to carry out investigations or research on a topic related to themes being studied in class. In general, homework will be as follows for the different age groups:

### **EYFS**

#### **Reception**

A daily reading activity will be provided. This could be phonic based, sharing books without words or sharing library books. Occasional other short tasks may be given.

### **Key Stage 1**

#### **Year 1 and 2**

- Reading should be completed daily with the pages read recorded.
- Maths and English homework is given every weekend.
- Spellings are given out every Friday for a test the following Friday.
- Handwriting will be given on occasions to encourage good formation but children should be encouraged to produce excellent handwriting and a high standard of presentation at all times.
- Investigations and Research based homework will sometimes be given at holiday times.

**Key Stage 2** Homework to be recorded daily in the diary

**Year 3 and Year 4** (20-30 minutes plus 10 minutes reading time)

- Reading should be completed daily for 10 to 15 minutes and the pages read recorded
- Maths and English is given on alternate evenings with both subjects given at weekends. Occasional Science homework will be given.
- Spellings and times tables will be given once a week to be learnt using 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' and spelling tests will be given each week.

### **Year 5 and Year 6** (Approximately 40 minutes per evening)

- Reading should be done on a daily basis for 10 to 15 minutes. Sometimes the children will be asked to review a book or discuss a favourite author as part of their written English work.
- Maths and English will continue to be given on alternate evenings. Both subjects will be given at weekends.
- Spellings - as in Y3 and Y4 to be learnt using 'Look, Cover, Write, Check'. The spelling words will also be linked to handwriting exercises, spelling rules, word families and letter patterns. They will be tested weekly.
- Year 6 are often given a weekly Science homework.
- Extra homework for reinforcement can be given when the necessity arises.

### **Entrance Exam Preparation**

When Year 6 are preparing for entrance examinations they will sometimes be given a practice paper to complete for homework. This will take 60 minutes. Children would not be expected to complete 20 minutes of reading on these occasions.

**Holiday Homework** is more likely one of the core subjects in Maths, English, ICT in Y5 and Y6 and occasionally one of the non- core subjects e.g. science, history.

### **Advice to parents:**

- Time - If homework is taking a much longer or shorter time please inform school. Parents are asked to draw a line under the work and sign the child has spent the appropriate time.
- Difficulties - If a child does not understand a piece of work please inform the class teacher – notes can be written in the child's homework diary.
- Support - Parents are encouraged to support children in the completion of their homework but to ensure that the finished piece is the child's own work.
- Presentation - please encourage good handwriting and good presentation – using margins when appropriate and dating work.
- Homework Diary - should be used daily to record the details of the exercise. If the diary is lost the child should replace it.
- Books - Text books should be returned daily in good condition.
- Exercise Books for homework should be covered in order to keep in good condition.
- Maths – children should show their workings and use the method given by the class teacher.

### **Homework not completed**

If homework is not completed, an explanation must be provided.

### **Homework Diaries**

These will be regularly checked by the class teacher to ensure that homework is being correctly recorded.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

Homework is recorded on the weekly planning sheets by the class teacher.

Provision and completion of homework is monitored in line with our book scrutiny and monitoring cycle by the Senior Leadership Team.