



Homework Policy

Aims

Through this policy we aim to:

- Provide opportunities for parents, children and the school to work in partnership to improve children's learning.
- Ensure that parents are clear about what their child is expected to do.
- Use homework as a tool to help to continue to raise standards of attainment.
- Provide opportunities for children to develop the ability to study independently, and the responsibility and confidence to do this well.
- Enable children to practise and consolidate learning that has taken place in school.
- Encourage pupils and their parents to share and enjoy learning.
- To motivate and engage children.
- Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school.

Role of the Class Teacher

The class teacher will provide parents/carers with the termly homework grid which sets out the activities that need to be completed.

These will include:

- on-going skills that need to be developed
- work that reinforces and checks independent understanding of learning that has taken place in class
- topic related activities that enable and encourage children to extend the learning that has taken place in class
- activities that encourage creativity
- activities that are led by the pupil's own interests
- activities to develop social skills, wellbeing and responsibility

The teacher will provide opportunities in class time for the children to share the homework they have completed with peers. The class teacher will also ensure that the books are given out and collected in on the days set by the class at the beginning of each academic year.

Approach to Homework

Children are expected to present homework which they can be proud of and in line with expectations of presentation at school.

As with all written work care should be taken to present homework as neatly as possible since careful work tends to be more accurate work.

Each child will have a homework book with a grid inside the front cover outlining homework expectations for a half term.

Role of the Parent/Carer

- To support the school by ensuring that their child completes the homework and returns it to school on time.
- To provide a suitable place for their child to carry out their homework.
- To encourage and praise their child when they have completed their homework.
- To become actively involved and support their child with their homework activities.
- To sign Reading Record Books every night to indicate that their child has completed their reading homework.

At Richard Cobden Primary school we are very keen for parents to support and help their child with homework. We take the view that the child is likely to get more out of an activity if parents/ carers are involved. However, it is particularly important especially as children get older, for children to become increasingly independent in their learning. Parents will therefore be encouraged to positively support and guide their child when completing homework but not complete homework activities for them. If a parent is unsure about what their role should be, they should discuss it with their child's class teacher. Our Home School Link Officers are also available to support parents/carers.

Role of the Pupil

- To make appropriate time to complete their homework
- To work hard and complete activities set to the best of their ability
- To present work neatly
- To return completed homework to their class teacher on time

Monitoring Homework

Both parents and teachers play a crucial role in monitoring homework. Parents are asked to check that homework has been completed and to support children with home reading tasks.

Parents who are worried in any way about their child's homework are encouraged to make an appointment to speak to the child's teacher or the Home School Link Officers.

Teachers will make sure that homework is given at the correct time. Pupils should be given clear instructions.

Teachers will monitor their pupil's homework. If homework is not returned, staff will speak to parents about this. If three pieces of homework are not done in one term then a letter will be sent home. If the situation continues then parents will be invited into school to discuss the problem.

Feedback and Rewarding Good Homework

Feedback will be given promptly and be in line with the school policy on marking but need not necessarily always be written.

Pupils may be rewarded with stickers for completing homework tasks and returning them on time. They may also get certificates or merits for exceptionally good work, greatly improved work, sustained effort over a period of time or where a lot of additional effort has gone into a particular piece of work.

Support with Homework

Homework is intended to develop independence. Pupils should be encouraged to try their hardest and attempt each activity.

If a parent/carer needs additional advice to support their child in doing their homework they can:

- Arrange a meeting with the class teacher to get advice
- Speak to our Home School Link Officers
- Attend Homework Support for Parents/Carers workshops which are held at the school Learning Centre.

This school will work with parents/carers to be able to support their children in doing their homework. By its very nature, homework is intended to be done by children at home. Children will not be given homework detentions in school. Parents/carers are responsible for managing their children's completion of homework and must decide on suitable sanctions for noncompletion. This school will be happy to advise any parent/carer if needed.

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