CECIL ROAD PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

HOMEWORK POLICY

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Homework policy and guidelines

Cecil Road County Primary School realises how important the links between home and school are and the need for us to work together to ensure a good education for your children. Our approach to “homework” varies throughout the school according to the age of the child. The one thing that remains constant throughout is the fact that it can only benefit the child if we have your full support.

Summary of homework

- encourages parental involvement in your children’s education
- allows the child one-to-one attention
- provides an opportunity for children to learn information, which is relevant to them
- gives the child time to practise repetitive skills
- extends work being carried out in the classroom

At the beginning of every academic school year the parents will be informed of the work that their class will be learning during the term and the homework opportunities that will be available for the children.

Reception(10-15 minutes a day)

Words to be learnt or books to be read come home at least once a week and your child will need to bring their reading pack in every day. A home school book is used by parents and teachers to record the child’s progress in reading and exchange information. Please sign this book when you hear your child read and add comments. Homework may also take the form of investigations to do with our topic work, number activities, rhymes or games to play.

Years 1 and 2(1 hour per week)

As above, but with the possibility of spellings and times tables to be learnt.

Years 3 and 4(1½ hours per week)

As above with the emphasis for homework being on literacy and numeracy with occasional topic related tasks.

Years 5 and 6(2½ hours per week)

The amount and variety of homework increases, with the emphasis again on literacy and numeracy but there will be occasions when homework is set to cover Science and the foundation subjects. Investigations and research work may need support from home. Children in Yr 6 will have homework diaries.

General

If children are off school because they are sick, then we would not send work home. We would make the assumption that they are not well enough to work. It may happen that a child is off for a length of time though is well enough to do some work at home e.g. a broken leg. In these circumstances it is up to the teacher (following consultation with the Headteacher) and the parents to agree what should be done, how it will be marked and what sort of help needs to be given first. It is not possible to give homework to cover holidays taken in term time.

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