

Dewhurst St Mary CE Primary School

Home Learning Policy

November 2018

School Vision

Dewhurst St Mary CofE is committed to nurturing learners who think creatively and achieve their potential reflecting our core values of independence, confidence and respect.

Dream Believe Achieve

At Dewhurst we feel home learning is an essential part of good education. It is a direct way of involving parents in their child's education and gives pupils the opportunity to practise the tasks taught in class. It helps children to become confident and independent in their learning, which will help at school and in adult life. It is recognised that home learning has greater success when pupils and parents value it. However, we also recognise that little and often is better than spending long periods of time which is why most of our home learning is based around practising key skills eg. reading, times table etc.

Outlined below are the approximate times that each year group is expected to spend on "Home Learning" activities:

EYFS

- Daily - Reading/sharing of a book /learning key words
- Weekly - One piece of homework (from January) - no more than 20 minutes

KS1

- Daily - Reading/sharing of a book
- Weekly - One piece of homework - no more than one hour
- Learning spellings in Year 2 / Learning key words in Year 1
- Counting & number bonds in year 1 /times tables practise in Year 2

KS2

- Daily - Reading/sharing of a book/times tables
- Weekly - Two pieces of homework - approximately 1 hour
- Weekly spellings practise throughout the week

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Home Learning will involve tasks of a wide and varied nature which may involve some of the activities outlined below: -

- Sharing books from home or school with a parent, adult or sibling
- Discussing topics from school and discussing activities suggested by the teacher
- Learning times tables, number bonds, spellings etc.
- In key stage 2 researching a topic and making notes using resources at home
- Completing tasks started at school
- Making plans and collecting things for experiments at school
- Practising for class assemblies or performances

Whole School additional projects, competitions or presentations may be set which would replace their main task of homework that week.

Feedback is given as appropriate and rewards given for effort.

Concerns will be raised with parents/carers if homework is not completed on a regular basis.

Reviewed by Teaching Staff

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