



## Coppice Junior School

# Homework Policy

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## Aim

We define homework as any activity that pupils undertake outside of school lesson time, either on their own or with the support of family members. At Coppice we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of developing this partnership.

## Reasons for giving homework

- It can inform parents about work going on in class;
- It can further stimulate enthusiasm for learning;
- It takes advantage of the home environment and resources and the chance for some 'one to one' adult time;
- It can be a great source for gathering topic information to share with all the children;
- It is a great opportunity to rehearse key skills such as times tables, doubling facts, addition sums, spellings, handwriting and other key facts;
- It helps to foster good habits of organization and self-discipline in preparation for the demands of Secondary School.

## Our routines and expectations

- All classes give out weekly homework on a Wednesday in the child's homework folder.
- It is to be completed and returned to school by the following Monday.
- The work should always have been explained and discussed in class before coming home; it may be a continuation of classwork, or a maths games already familiar to your child. It is our intention, and good practice, not to send work home that the child cannot already do i.e. parents are not expected to teach new skills.
- There should be a clear explanation/reminder from the teacher of what is expected.
- Each child has a homework folder and the majority of tasks are kept in there.
- In all years, children are given an English task and a Maths task (not all children in the same year will get the same task as it needs to meet the needs of the individual).
- In addition they are expected to read daily.
- Occasionally extended projects running for a few weeks will be set.
- We expect children to maintain the same standards for presentation of homework as we set in school i.e. to use their best handwriting and a sharp pencil or blue pen.

- This is important as it helps parents to know more about what is going on in class and to support enthusiasm for learning.
- In the few weeks prior to SAT tests, the Year 6 children will be given additional revision work.
- It is our policy not to give homework over the holidays and half term breaks. The exception will be where the parent and teacher agree extra work would be beneficial.
- Our additional needs teachers may send specific tasks home to support the learning of the children they support. Again, this will be discussed with parents.

### What to do if you have concerns

Our staff hope that you can support us in getting the balance right. We want to work together with you to do help your child be the best they can possibly be and reach their full potential. If you have any concerns about the homework set, or, you feel that the homework is just right, please do come in and see your child's teacher at the door at the end of school.

It is worth noting that when children deliberately do not attempt to do homework (and this does not include when family emergencies occur), children will be required to remain inside during their own time to complete their work. Allowing one child to opt out of doing homework whilst everyone else is expected to complete it causes bad feeling amongst a class. We therefore make it very clear that we expect everyone to be treated equally and all children are required to complete homework.