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## Vernham Dean Gillum's C of E Primary School Homework Policy

### Homework within our school is used to:

- Consolidate, reinforce and extend skills and understanding in English, Maths and other curriculum areas.
- For pre-learning before they learn a new theme, topic or start a unit of work.
- Help children become independent learners
- Help parents gain an understanding of what their child is learning in school and support them with different strategies we use to teach in school.
- Provide opportunities for parents and children to work together
- Develop good habits for managing time, organising themselves for the next stage of their learning eg-KS1/KS2/KS3

Our guidelines for homework show a clear progression and within this, the content, complexity and quantity of tasks set will vary according to the year group. Homework will predominantly reinforce teaching.

Homework should be a positive experience which extends a child's understanding of their learning; if you have any concerns please see your child's class teacher

### Feedback on your child's homework

Children need to know how well they have done and what they could do better. All homework will be marked in a timely fashion. If a child has difficulties with a piece of homework, they should discuss it with their teacher or you might wish to discuss the problem with us yourself.

### Should I help my child with homework?

Homework allows you to see what your child is doing and to support their learning. This partnership between school and home is a vital part of successful education. We take the view that children are likely to get more out of an activity if parents get involved – as long as they do not take over too much. If you are unsure about how much help to give, you should discuss it with your child's teacher. They will be pleased to see you and will help you to get the balance right. The school runs a homework club on Tuesday after school and families are welcome to join their children.

The Headteacher will monitor homework on a regular basis. In our annual questionnaires parents and children will be asked for their views on the effectiveness of the current practice and the leadership team will review the effectiveness of this policy.



## Homework Guidelines

**These are some of the things that we would recommend for homework;**

### Year R

Sharing books and regular reading, phonic sounds, key words, numbers eg-counting.

**Homework will be given out on Friday and be due back in on the following Wednesday.**

### KS1 & KS2

#### English

Homework set will cover two key areas:

- Spelling – these will be statutory words for the year group, or spelling activities linked to a rule that your child is learning
- Grammar – this will be the current grammar being taught, or the consolidation of previous grammar learnt

#### Maths

Homework set will cover two key areas:

- Times tables (for key stage 1, this includes number bonds)
- Place Value (the numerical value that a digit has by virtue of its position in a number) related activities which underpin the vast majority of Maths' curriculum – this could be identifying the place value of a digit; counting on and back in different amounts, or multiplying by 10, 100 or 1000 (KS2 only) to name a few activities

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Signed.....Headteacher

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