

Goodleigh C of E Primary School

Homework Policy

Rationale

Homework is any work or activity which pupils are asked to do outside lesson times, on their own or with parents.

Homework is an extra link between home and school, a way to keep parents informed of, and involved in, their children's education, useful for encouraging children to practise skills (including study skills), prepare for Primary to Secondary School and become more independent learners.

Homework is very important, but we also believe it is vital that children are allowed time to play and relax after a day at school.

Purpose

The purposes of Homework are likely to change as children get older but generally:

1. It encourages the practice of independent study
2. It allows the involvement of parents and the community in a child's learning
3. It opens up study for wider exploration
4. It develops good study habits
5. It can help in preparation for future lessons and work
6. It consolidates work covered in the classroom

Guidelines/Activities

Reading or talking with children about their reading is essential

- At KS2 children will have a homework book detailing what is expected of them
- Homework should be relevant to classwork
- Homework should be recognised as being completed by a response from the teacher
- Pupils who repeatedly do not do homework satisfactorily should be given appropriate support
- It is important that homework is the children's own work, but we understand that sometimes children may need support
- Parents should realise the changing and varied nature of homework. Valuable homework is not always a written one. Pupils may be asked to read, think, watch a TV programme, find articles, test ideas, collect data, investigate, research ideas, events, practise activities and skills
- Homework in KS2 will generally be given on a Friday and be expected to be returned by a Monday.