



## **Simonside Primary School**

### **Homework Policy**

#### **Our Vision**

At Simonside Primary School, 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 Simonside, we have a strong commitment to parental involvement and see homework as one way of developing this partnership.

This homework policy has been written in consultation with Governors, Staff, Parents/Carers and children, taking all views into account, to ensure that it addresses the specific needs of our school.

#### **Aims**

Homework at Simonside is intended to:

- Be meaningful & designed to be completed within a manageable timeframe
- Support children's development of basic skills
- Take advantage of additional resources at home, particularly the opportunity for children to benefit from additional 1:1 time with an adult
- Foster good habits of organisation and self-discipline in preparation for the demands of Secondary School

#### **Our Routines & Expectations**

All classes will receive homework on a weekly basis, via our Seesaw App (where possible) or in paper form. Additional paper copies can be requested from the Class Teacher(s). Unless specified by individual teachers, or if required for certain tasks, children will not be required to return paper copies of their homework.

We have the following expectations in terms of the tasks set for each year group:

- **Reception:**
  - Learning sounds/key words
  - Reading books (where appropriate)
  - Bringing items in from home as/when required to suit topics



- **Years 1 – 5:**
  - Weekly spellings
  - Times tables & related division facts (weekly)
  - Reading books (children should read for 5-10 minutes, at least 3 times per week at home, although this does not need to be an entire book)
  
- **Year 6:**
  - Weekly spellings
  - Times tables & related division facts (weekly)
  - Reading books (children should read for 5-10 minutes, at least 3 times per week at home, although this does not need to be an entire book)
  - Additional Maths / English work to consolidate learning in school, as deemed appropriate by the Class Teacher

In addition to the above, children *may* also receive a creative piece of homework to complete, although this will be on no more than one occasion per term and will be at the discretion of their Class Teacher.

There may be occasions where teachers feel that individual children may benefit from additional tasks to support their learning. Parents and Carers will be involved in discussions with the Class Teacher in these circumstances.

In the event that children are on holiday during term time, we politely request that teachers are not asked to provide additional homework. In these circumstances, should parents/carers wish to complete activities with their children whilst on holiday, we advise that children continue to complete the homework sent via Seesaw.

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