



## Homework Policy

*'Be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.'*  
*Chronicles 15:7*

### **Philosophy**

We believe that homework is the further development of the whole child' not merely an extension of work done in school. We actively promote any activities that children pursue outside of school such as Swimming, Brownies, Beavers, Dance, Gym, as well as tasks set by the school.

### **Aims**

At Brereton we aim for homework to:

- be set according to a regular programme so that everyone - teachers, children and parents - knows what to expect each week.
- at Brereton we aim to provide homework which enables pupils to apply their learning in a range of contexts
- the main focus of homework from school will be on Literacy and Numeracy basic skills
- homework projects will be set to be completed over a period of time to encourage study skills
- be recognized and celebrated through Celebration Assembly on a Friday afternoon

### **Practice**

- In Reception homework should take up to an hour over the week, including daily reading. It will be basic literacy skills such as letter formation, initial sound practice and flashcards. Pupils will bring home picture books prior to books with words.
- In Year 1 homework should take up to an hour over the week. It will be basic literacy and numeracy skills such as reading, the spelling of HFWs, phonics sounds and number games.
- In years 2-6 English homework will be in the form of a creative writing task, to be completed in their Homework book.
- Maths homework will be given to pupils in years 2-6 using the online tool MyMaths.com.
- In Year 2 homework should take up to an hour over the week. In addition to their English and Maths homework tasks such as reading, spelling, times tables and number games may be set.
- In Year 3 homework should take up to one and a half hours each week. In addition to their English and Maths homework tasks such as reading, spelling, times tables and number games may be set. A topic related task may also be set to be completed over a longer period of time.
- In Year 4 homework should take up to one and a half hours each week. In addition to their English and Maths homework tasks such as reading, spelling, times tables and number games may be set. A topic related task may also be set to be completed over a longer period of time.
- In Year 5 homework should take up to two and a half hours each week. In addition to their English and Maths homework tasks such as reading, spelling, times tables and number games may be set. A topic related task may also be set to be completed over a longer period of time.
- In Year 6 homework should take up to two and a half hours each week. In addition to their English and Maths homework tasks such as reading, spelling, times tables and number games may be set. A topic related task may also be set to be completed over a longer period of time.

At both Key Stages daily reading should be carried out.

Parents and children should plan together to spread the weekly recommendation over the week.

Children are encouraged and praised for their achievements, enabling them to develop a sense of value in their own pursuits and school directed tasks.

Homework is one way that parents can become more involved with their children and able to spend quality time with them. We aim to make parents aware of why particular tasks may be brought home from school and would encourage parents to work with their children on these tasks. This will enable parents to take an active interest in their children's own pursuits.

Homework is most beneficial to children when parents, children and school work in partnership and in order to encourage this we would ask that parents:

- provide a reasonably peaceful, suitable place in which children can do their homework.



- make it clear to children that they value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help their learning.
- most importantly, that they encourage their children and praise them when they have completed homework.

Tasks will be sent home from school throughout a child's primary years but this is not a medium to 'teach' new concepts, but rather to enhance a child's learning and allow a child to apply their learning in a range of contexts. With this in mind we are conscious that there are many other activities in the community providing many learning opportunities. Homework need not, and should not, get in the way of other activities and children should be encouraged by parents and school alike, to make full use of them. Homework will not be set in school holidays, apart from Y6 end of KS2 SATs revision, which will be given at Easter.

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