

PARKINSON LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Curriculum Policies

Homework Policy

Rationale

At Parkinson Lane School, it is recognised that the majority of children attend the Mosque for evening classes and home language classes during the week there are also opportunities to attend over 20 out of school clubs. Children from all sections of the school from Nursery to Year 6 are encouraged and expected to complete homework as follows:-

Purpose

- 2.1 to state the important place homework has in supporting the progress of our children
- 2.2 to set out how much homework will be set for children of different stages

Broad Guidelines

- 3.1 Nursery children are encouraged to talk with their parents about their work/play at the Nursery and parents are given information and advice on how to support their child.
 - Reception – given tasks once a week
 - Year 1 – given tasks once a week
 - Year 2 – complete homework twice a week
 - Year 3 – complete homework twice a week
 - Year 4 – complete homework three times a week
 - Year 5 – complete homework three times a week
 - Year 6 – complete homework three times a week (except when participating in a Booster group)
- 3.2 A helpful guide is available for parents to help them support children with their homework and with suggestions for extra work at home if necessary.
- 3.3 Completed homework is reviewed by the teacher and child together, wherever possible, but there will be opportunities for children to mark their own work and record their success. Homework guidelines have been prepared for all teachers in school.
- 3.4 Homework will always include reading and sometimes another task, encouraging the family/carers to support the work in some way at home. Parents/carers are encouraged to take their children to the local library. Some homework may encourage the gathering of artifacts or pictures – it will not always be of a written format. Parents/carers will also be encouraged to take their children on educational visits.
- 3.5 When children go on extended visits, they will be expected to compile a photographic diary using a disposable camera supplied by school.

3.6 Learning diaries are sent home with homework and parents may use these as a means of communicating with teachers.

3.7 If parents have any queries about the homework set they must see the class teacher in the first instance.

Conclusion

Homework does play a large part of the school life. It compliments and extends learning at school. It is a tool that enables parents to work closely with the children and become further involved in school life. We will work in partnership with parents.

Date to Curriculum committee 2/3/2015	Date to Full Governors 16/03/15	Signed by Chair of Governors
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