



## BISHOPS TAWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL HOME-LEARNING POLICY

At our school we believe it is good practice to involve the parents with homework which enhances the work undertaken in the classroom. By working in partnership with parents children have a greater chance of reaching their full potential. We continue in our efforts to raise standards throughout the school. From reception and throughout the school the importance of reading at home with your child each day is valuable time and has a noticeable difference to your child's learning.

The type of activity and amount of homework set is to the teacher's discretion; this is always within reason and reflects an understanding of individual need. Specific tasks may be set for individuals in consultation with parents; there will not be an expectation that standard activities are also completed.

We use homework to help parents to share in their child's development and also to encourage the children to investigate and explore further work, interesting topics and special events which have started in the classroom. Homework supports, consolidates and extends learning.

In Key Stage 1 the emphasis is on reinforcing key skills in reading, spelling (this may include phonics and letter formations) and maths. They may also be asked to notice features in their home environment which will help them in their science or art work.

We try to present children with a broad selection of activities, including speaking and listening. We also feel children need to learn about researching subjects and discovering new ways of working; this can involve making use of suitable websites available to children.

We have agreed to be consistent in our delivery of homework across the school. The Governors recognise that it is not possible for teachers to mark all homework in great depth as this can take away valuable time from class based teaching and learning, however all efforts will be acknowledged and rewarded.

We recognise the importance of clubs and family activities out of school. We are interested to hear about individual or group achievements these will be recognised either in class, assembly or the school newsletter. Sometimes due to these clubs or activities we understand that it isn't possible to return homework on time.

### **DFE Teaching Standards:**

**Teachers Must: Set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired.**

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