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Bishop Monkton Church of England School

Homework Policy

Act justly, love kindness and walk humbly with God ***Micah 6:8***

Aim

To provide opportunities for children to practise, follow up, consolidate, extend and share with parents/carers at home, aspects of work being taught in school.

Guidelines

1. At the beginning of the academic year, each teacher should inform parents in a Class Welcome meeting, about the type of homework their child will be given during the year. This will be clearly stated on the school website under Class Pages.

2. Homework will begin initially with shared reading and will be extended as the child progresses through the school. Parents are expected to take an interest and an active part in homework. As children get older, parents are expected to help their children to develop the confidence and self discipline needed to study on their own, in preparation for the requirements of secondary school.

3. Teachers will always promote a love of reading and reading at home is expected for all children throughout the school. This includes emphasising the importance of being read to as well as being heard reading.

4. All homework will reinforce the School Curriculum and will be appropriate for the child

5. Homework will be set on a regular basis. Homework will not be set in school holidays. The only exception to this is for Year 6 revision for SATS which will be set for the Easter Holidays.

6. If homework regularly fails to be completed by a child, it will be completed at break time as a consequence.

7. Years 4-6 pupils use a school planner to record their homework in preparation for secondary school.

8. Homework will be marked in line with the school's Marking Policy.

Implementation

Types of homework will be selected from:

Reception/Y1	Shared reading, phonics and related activities
Y2/Y3	Shared reading, spellings, literacy and numeracy activities each week
Y4/Y5	Daily reading, spelling and numeracy tasks
Y6	Literacy tasks, maths, independent reading with related reading task, spelling and writing tasks, set according to weekly homework timetable.
All classes	Research-type homework connected with topics/themes Individual additional homework where appropriate such as handwriting practise

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