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**Brentfield Primary School**

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## Home-Learning Policy

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## Home learning

### Introduction

The school policy for home learning was developed after discussion with staff and from feedback given by parents via a whole school questionnaire. At Brentfield we recognise that learning takes place beyond the classroom in a variety of ways, such as visiting free museums, playing in the park or cooking with your family. We have therefore decided to replace homework with home learning.

### Aims of the policy

- It reinforces skills which have been taught in school and gives children the opportunity to practice what they have learnt;
- It encourages self-discipline as the children take responsibility for their learning;
- It promotes independent learning
- It provides teachers with the opportunity to support and extend individual children;
- It sets standards for life and children become accustomed to working at home, preparing them for secondary school and futures employment
- It encourages children to share their learning with parents and carers;
- It encourages parents and carers to become involved with their children's learning
- It encourages consistency across the school.

### When will home learning be given?

Home learning will be set across the school on a **Friday** and handed in by the following **Tuesday**. This will allow children sufficient time to complete their home learning either during the week or at the weekend. The same home learning experience will be set across the year group.

Children will be given home learning books to complete written work in (My Maths will continue to be done online).

### What does Home learning look like?

#### Nursery and Reception

Daily reading - reading records signed by the parents

Practice of sounds (reception only)

Talk Task

### **Years 1-6**

Daily reading – reading records to be signed by parents for children who are not yet fluent

Maths will be given weekly via My Maths. Children will also be expected to practice their timetables. Occasionally children may be given home learning that is not on My Maths.

Spellings will be given weekly. Children are expected to learn to spell them using the Look, Cover, Write and Check method and put the words into sentences

Literacy work will be set weekly this could include Grammar work, a piece of extended writing or a comprehension activity.

### **School Holiday work**

Home learning projects will be set during the school holidays (except the summer holidays). The projects will be linked to class learning. We believe the projects will provide a great opportunity for families of Brentfield to work together, enhancing the child's learning experience. The projects will be shared with the class when children return to school.

Based on the feedback given, holiday learning will be optional as we recognise that it is important for children to spend quality time with their families and recognise that learning can take place through a variety of experiences.

Please note that as term time leave is unauthorised and we are unable to provide home learning. Special consideration will be given for medical conditions.

### **How will home learning be marked?**

Home learning will be marked weekly by teachers. The marking will show any errors or misconceptions. Any feedback given will be verbal to individuals or groups. If home learning is submitted late then it cannot be marked.

### **Responsibilities**

It is our expectation that home learning will be completed carefully and returned on time. Teachers explain what is required when home learning is given out. If children are unclear what is required then they can ask their teacher throughout the week. Where home

learning is frequently not completed, late or of poor quality, the children's parents or carers will be contacted by the class teacher.

**The Headteacher will:**

Promote the school homework policy to staff, parents and pupils.

Monitor and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the policy

**The teacher will:**

Set regular home learning in line with the policy

Mark the homework and provide verbal feedback where necessary.

Have high expectations of pupils in completing home learning

**Parents and Carers should support their children by:**

Providing a set time where your child can do their home learning, with supervision if appropriate

Make it clear to your child that you value home learning, and support the school in explaining how it can help raise attainment

Ensure and check that tasks are completed on time and to a suitable standard

Being actively involved in joint home learning activities with the children

Contact the children's class teacher if they have any questions

**Pupils should:**

Do their best to complete task as instructed

Ask for help as appropriate

Gain increased motivation and enjoyment through home learning

**Inclusion**

All children will have access to home learning or that is relevant to their current stage of learning.

**Additional resources**

The school website has links to additional resources

As requested in the questionnaire feedback the school will sell CPG books in addition to home learning. This is to be completed and marked at home. These will be sold during parents evening which is held every term.