



Brackenwood Junior School

Learning for Life



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Dear parents and carers,

Last year, we surveyed you on your opinions about homework. We have also studied the most recent research into how homework best supports children.

The homework survey shows that parents have very different opinions about homework from each other. Therefore we need to find a happy medium, which helps children develop skills, reduces pressure on home life, and is a system which is not arduous or time consuming but stream lined and prepares our children for the next step.

Our key principles

- o Homework should support learning which takes place in school. (Should be consolidation and practice).
- o Homework should largely be an independent task which requires minimal support from adults at home.
- o Homework provides an opportunity for pupils to develop organisational and independent skills (remembering when it's due, time management, taking responsibility for learning) whilst in a supportive and helpful environment.
- o Homework should not cause any extra pressure on family life.
- o School needs to get the balance right between setting high expectations and minimising anxiety or feelings towards school and school work.
- o Research suggests that homework is most effective when it's relevant and digital.
- o Children learn.

Therefore, we will focus on a few key areas.

Reading – Levelled book or spine text to be checked off by monitors.

Spelling – Printed lists taken from our long term plan.

Times tables – Rapid recalls and TTRS class battles.

Arithmetic – Worksheet to consolidate strategy taught in class.

Teachers may add to the homework on occasion to stop it from becoming tedious. Eg, no rapid recalls but play active learn games instead.

We will use Google Classroom to communicate the homework and provide answers for self-correction. Efforts will be recognised in a classroom display 'Homework race'.

Yours sincerely

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