

**Aims**

Through this policy we aim to:

- provide opportunities for parents, children and the school to work together in partnership in relation to children's learning;
- encourage pupils and their parents to share and enjoy learning experiences at home;
- reinforce, extend or prepare work covered in class by providing further opportunities for individual learning beyond the classroom;
- ensure that parents are clear about what their child is expected to do;
- use homework as a tool to help continue to raise standards of attainment;
- practise or consolidate basic skills and knowledge, in English and maths as well as the wider curriculum;
- encourage children to develop the responsibility, confidence and self-discipline needed to study independently;
- prepare pupils for the next stage in their learning journey;
- take account of the needs of individual children including children with special educational needs or English as an additional language.

The nature and type of homework changes as pupils move through school. It will not necessarily come in the form of a written task. Every pupil, regardless of their age, is expected to undertake learning at home.

**Information for Parents**

- All children receive feedback about their homework. Feedback is given verbally to individuals or to groups of children, as well as being marked if appropriate.
- Parents can receive feedback about home learning at the two formal parent meetings during each academic year and in their child's end of year report.
- Homework is sometimes used to inform future planning and assess pupil attainment.
- Homework is valued and often contributes to each child's learning in books and curriculum folders.
- In rare circumstances, where children are absent through sickness for long periods, the class teacher will recommend additional learning to be undertaken at home.
- School's policy on attendance does not permit holidays in term time, therefore, homework is not provided for children who are absent from school for family holidays.
- Pupils who have queries about homework or need further explanation can seek the support of their class teacher at any time during the school week.
- Children who are unable to access reference books or the internet to complete homework at home are permitted to complete tasks during lunchtimes or breaks under the supervision of their classteacher.

## Homework Tasks

Listed below are the homework tasks and activities expected to be completed by pupils in school. These will change to meet the needs of the pupils involved and activities that might be occurring in class. All homework tasks and activities will have a clear purpose to assist pupils in deepening their knowledge and understanding or extending their skills:

### Scafell Class (Years 5 and 6)

Maths	Weekly maths tasks - 30 minutes MyMaths activities regularly TT Rock stars regularly
English	Regular reading 15+ minutes daily. All reading should be recorded in reading records. Spellings to learn - list of 10 words weekly Regular grammar and punctuation exercises 20-30 minutes IDL programme regularly
Curriculum	Topic based activities to develop skills and knowledge of wider curriculum including science, geography, history and art – several times during a term.

### Skiddaw Class (Years 2,3 and 4)

The focus of a weekly task alternates between maths, English or wider curriculum focus. In addition, children are expected to be working on:

Maths	Learning number facts and focus on times tables (Years 3 and 4) My Maths activity TT Rock stars regularly (Years 3 and 4)
English	Regular reading 10+ minutes daily. All reading should be recorded in reading records. IDL programme regularly

### Bowfell Class (EYFS and Year 1)

Whilst there is no formal homework set for children in Bowfell class, there is the expectation that children should read aloud to an adult for a minimum of 5 minutes each night for children in Reception; and 10-15 minutes for children in Year One. Their progress should be recorded in their reading records by the adult who is listening to their reading. Letter formation practice, phonics sounds and tricky words will be sent home periodically throughout the year and we ask that the children are supported in reading and writing these words/sounds. There is no homework requirement for children in Nursery, but parents are encouraged to share experiences from home, days out, holidays etc via Tapestry.

### Incomplete Homework

Children who do not complete or hand in home-learning regularly may be required to complete homework in their own time under the direction of the classteacher. Parents will be contacted so that home and school is able to work more closely together to support children and enable them to meet the expectations of homework more regularly.

