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## Homework Policy

The focus of our homework policy is on the **enjoyment of learning** and to foster self-study.

We actively encourage regular reading at home, an understanding of spelling patterns and knowledge of times tables but within a spirit of life-long learning and personal improvement.

At Brockholes Wood we appreciate how important the links between parents and teachers are and the need for us to work together. We believe that it is important that children bring home ‘activities’ or ‘work’ from a fairly early age to help them learn, to reinforce basic skills and for them to see parents and teachers working together.

Learning at home is an essential part of good education. Regular homework is important as it gives pupils the opportunity to practice at home the tasks covered in class, and helps the pupils work towards improving important skills. It also helps children and young people to become confident and independent in their learning, which will help throughout their time at school and in adult life.

The range of home / school tasks varies throughout the school, according to the age of the child. The one thing that remains constant throughout is the fact that it can only benefit your child if we have your support and work together.

The homework we give at Brockholes Wood is designed to reinforce and support the learning that happens during the school day. Guidance to support parents with Reading can be found in our Reading Handbook. Guidance on our approaches to teaching maths can be found in our parent leaflets on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

There are many web sites that support learning table facts, including:

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/>

<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

<http://www.learnyourtables.co.uk/>

The provision of school homework clubs and booster sessions encourage children to self-study and allow those pupils with less support from home, the opportunity to succeed in this area.

### What type of home / school tasks can I expect in each year group?

#### Reception Class

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- Children will bring home books for sharing together.
- Tasks to reinforce class work on phonics and number. Many of the tasks in these early years will be practically based and can be played throughout the year.

## Years One and Two

- Children will continue to regularly receive books from school to share at home.
- Spelling patterns will be sent home for the children to learn.
- Recall of times tables.
- Year 2 will additionally receive SATs practise questions, small comprehensions and writing tasks to support their learning.

## Years Three to Six

- Spelling patterns.
- Children should continue to read daily to their parents. This could be their home reading book, a book they have selected from our school library or a local library, a book they have at home, newspaper articles, magazines or even web pages.
- Recall of times tables.
- Year 5 and 6 will have an additional variety of SATs practice questions, comprehensions and writing tasks alongside the above to support and extend their learning.

## Brainbuilders

In support of the regular reading, spelling and mathematics homework, we have developed another opportunity for children and families to work together on home learning.

Your child will bring home a **Brainbuilders** book in which they will have the freedom to demonstrate their understanding of their learning in their own unique way. They will be given a learning objective once a half term related to a class topic, but can interpret or ‘show-off’ their learning in whatever way they choose. These tasks will be celebrated in assemblies. Parents are encouraged to contribute by supporting their child with resources, ideas and discussions about the learning objective.

## Project work and other tasks

During your child’s time at school, they will often be asked to provide information, photographs, books etc to support the topic work in school. We develop this type of independent research as the children progress through the school. Other tasks may be



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set as the need arises e.g. learning new skills, work of a topical nature, making or designing something, interviewing grandparents etc.

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