

**Policy/Document:** Home Learning Policy 2023



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## Home Learning Policy

At Belle Vue Primary School, we recognise that pupils who have spent a busy structured day at school need time to relax and unwind at the end of the afternoon and have an opportunity to be children. We are also mindful of the need to encourage children to pursue out-of-school activities, e.g., swimming, dance, Beavers, Brownies, music lessons etc.

We believe that homework activities can help enrich our pupils' learning but should not promote resentment, friction and conflict. Homework should be used effectively to help support and further develop the skills and knowledge learnt in the classroom. Expectations around the nature of the homework and its outcomes should always be age appropriate. Our approach to homework reflects these beliefs.

In Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, we follow a SMART approach to homework (see infographic attached). The approach across school focuses on the skills of reading, spelling and maths (with a focus on multiplication in Year 2 and Key Stage 2) and is an inclusive approach that means all of our pupils, including those with SEND, can access and engage with any homework set.

In Key Stage 2, in addition to the key skills homework activities, which children should complete daily/weekly at home, we set a half-termly task that will allow children to reflect on and showcase their learning from a specific curriculum focus.

As a school, we know that our parents are valuable partners in the education of our pupils and we know that you will be keen to support your child and our staff, by being actively involved with homework activities.

To avoid 'battles' over homework we recommend: -

- that children should be allowed to work at an appropriate pace
- acknowledgement should be given to their own interests
- the task is undertaken at an appropriate time when the child is best able to concentrate (try not to leave it to the last minute)
- your child may need lots of encouragement, praise and your company and help for certain tasks
- that work at home is perceived as a shared activity
- work at home should be planned carefully around other interests to avoid clashes
- it should not be used as a threat or punishment.

Although there will be no formal consequences for those children that do not complete homework, it is our expectation that ALL children will attempt any activities that are set. However, should your child find that they are unable to complete an activity due to a lack of understanding, please contact your child's class teacher for further support and guidance.



Our KS1 homework is



# SMART!

## S

upporting children with their sounds

Your child will be learning different sounds through Monster Phonics. It is really important to help them practise at home.



## M

ultiplications & maths games

Your child learning and confidently recalling their timetables is really important in their development as mathematicians. In addition to this, playing different maths games can help them secure current learning.



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## R

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Every time that your child learns a new sound they will have a specific reading book to practice at home. Let your child read the book to you. Make sure you record on Go Read.



## T

ogether!

The best thing to improve a child's confidence and reinforce learning is to experience a variety of books. Your child will choose a book to share with you at home - enjoy the time together!





Our KS2 homework is



# SMART!

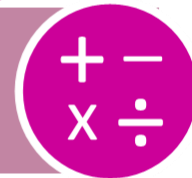
## Spellings

Practise and learn your spellings. Can you spell them independently? Do you know what they mean? Can you include them in a sentence?



## Multiplications & maths games

Learn your times tables so that you are fluent with them. Complete maths games on the internet (links are on the school website).



## Additional tasks or activities

These tasks might not be every week but are set by your teacher to help you with your learning. They might involve reading, finding out about a topic or learning facts.



## Reading

It is really important to practice your reading every day. Reading is the best thing to help you build your confidence and improve learning. Make sure you record on Go Read.



## Termly tasks

Your teacher will set you 1/2 termly tasks to complete. It might be a practical project, fact file or something completely different.

