



CLARE COMMUNITY
— PRIMARY SCHOOL —

Home Learning Policy

Rationale

At Clare Community Primary School we believe that Home Learning is important in supporting the learning that takes place in school, and that it should be purposeful, personalised and prepare children to become independent learners. We will provide differentiated and relevant tasks for home learning and will expect parents/guardians to support us with this, and contact us if there are any issues. Equally, we will contact parents/guardians if we feel there are issues with the completion of home learning.

Home Learning in Reception

In Reception, the primary purpose of home learning is to allow parents/guardians to share in their child's learning experiences. These should be short tasks that take around 10 to 15 minutes.

Children will be bringing home books to share and we recommend that they read at home daily if possible. In addition to this they take home weekly word lists to learn to read, and handwriting and spellings to practise during the spring and summer terms.

Home Learning in Key Stage 1

In Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) homework should take approximately 20 minutes. The focus should be on reading with your child. Home learning should be a positive experience, whilst allowing pupils to consolidate key skills learnt in school.

Year 1

In Year 1, children will be expected to read at home at least three times a week, learn their weekly spellings and complete a spelling activity sheet reinforcing these spellings. There will be the occasional topic-based activity that the children can choose to take part in. They may also wish to practise their maths skills using the RM Maths on their home computers. Login details will be provided.

Year 2

Children will be expected to read at home as often as they can and learn their weekly spellings. They will also be asked to practise their 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables. There will be the occasional topic-based activity that the children can choose to take part in. They may also wish to practise their maths skills using the RM Maths on their home computers. Login details will be provided.

Home Learning in Key Stage Two

The primary purpose of home learning in Key Stage 2 should be to enhance and consolidate the curriculum delivered during school-time, and begin to develop and embed independent study skills in preparation for independent learning and practice at secondary level.

In Years 3, 4, and 5, we recommend that children read at home, monitored by an adult, at least five times a week. They will also have weekly personalised spellings and a multiplication table to learn. In Years 3, 4 and 5 they will have a weekly Literacy or Maths task to complete.

Year 3

- Children should spend up to *30 minutes* on their home learning in addition to reading, and learning spellings and a multiplication table.
- Occasionally, they will be asked to complete a research-based topic homework which will be recorded in their Home/School Diary, with a clear timescale and presentation guidelines; this will be instead of a Literacy/Maths Task.

Years 4 and 5

- Children should spend up to *an hour* on their weekly Literacy/Maths task in addition to reading, and learning their spellings and tables.
- Sometimes there might be a topic-based piece rather than a Literacy one.

Year 6

- In addition to their reading, spellings and tables home learning, they will be asked to spend up to *40 minutes* completing a Literacy task and *40 minutes* completing a Maths task.
- During longer breaks, the children might be asked to work on a project linked to their topic.

Because we want the children to take responsibility for their learning, we expect home learning tasks to be handed in on time with a good level of presentation.

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