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Introduction and Rationale

Homework is a contentious and emotive subject where there are as many opinions as there are families in the school. It is acknowledged that families today, as well as children themselves, experience enormous pressures on their time.

Many of the families at Coberley have two working parents. Many of the children attend clubs and activities away from school, in the evenings and at weekends. Some parents frequently express that homework is an additional burden to their already busy schedules whilst others view that there is too little homework. Some say that homework is too difficult whilst others say that it is too easy.

Taking these views into account and after discussion and due consideration, we expect the following to be undertaken at by the children in each class.

Robins Class – EYFS and Year 1

- Pupils should read the banded book matched to their phonic ability, to an adult 3 – 4 times a week, which should be recorded in the reading record
- Pupils will be given phonics homework
- Pupils in Year 1 should learn the weekly spellings
- Pupils should complete the set assignments on Doodle Maths within the week

Kingfishers Class – Year 2 and Year 3

- Pupils should read the banded book matched to their phonic ability, to an adult 3 – 4 times a week, which should be recorded in the reading record
- Pupils will be given paper Maths homework. This is issued in homework folders on a Monday and returned the following Monday.
- Pupils should learn the weekly spellings. These are issued in the reading record on a Monday and learnt for the test the following Monday.
- Pupils should regularly practise times tables
- Pupils should complete the set assignments on Doodle Maths / Doodle Spell / Doodle English / Doodle Times Tables within the week
- Occasional half-term project homework will be set in relation to the current topic

Owls Class – Year 4 and Year 5

- Pupils should read the banded book matched to their phonic ability, to an adult 3 – 4 times a week, which should be recorded in the reading record
- Pupils will be given paper Maths homework. This is issued in homework folders on a Monday and returned the following Monday.
- Pupils should learn the weekly spellings. These are issued in the reading record on a Monday and learnt for the test the following Monday.
- Pupils should regularly practise times tables
- Pupils should complete the set assignments on Doodle Maths / Doodle Spell / Doodle English / Doodle Times Tables within the week
- Occasional half-term project homework will be set in relation to the current topic

Kestrels Class – Year 6

- Pupils should read the banded book matched to their phonic ability, to an adult 3 – 4 times a week, which should be recorded in the reading record
- Pupils will be given paper Maths homework. This is issued in homework folders on a Monday and returned the following Monday.
- Pupils should learn the weekly spellings. These are issued in the reading record on a Monday and learnt for the test the following Monday.
- Pupils should regularly practise times tables
- Pupils should complete the set assignments on Doodle Maths / Doodle Spell / Doodle English / Doodle Times Tables within the week
- Occasional half-term project homework will be set in relation to the current topic

By adopting this policy, we hope to encourage parents to spend quality time with their children and not add to the stress that exists as part of modern living. We would like parents to spend time eating and having conversations as families, reading with and to their children, playing games and sharing family activities. The time that parents spend with their children is precious and should be enjoyable for all.

Should parents wish their children to complete additional work at home, there is a multitude of educational publications and software that could be purchased or accessed for free by the parent as they see fit. They are welcome to consult their child's teacher to ensure the additional work is appropriate and enhancing to the schoolwork then being covered.