



HOMEWORK POLICY

Aspiring to inspire others towards excellence, developing as individuals together in a distinctively Christian environment.

1 Corinthians, 12:14 "For the body is not one member, but many".

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At Little Waltham C.E.V.A Primary School, we believe that homework is an important part of a child's education. It assists in developing effective study habits and reinforces learning from the classroom. Homework is set to strengthen the learning of the curriculum for students in all age groups and abilities.

Homework is set each week and will focus on the following:

Focus on Reading:

Reading is a critical skill that underpins success in all subject areas. It is expected that all students in our school will read for at least 20 minutes each day, using their reading record books to journal their reading over the year. In addition, homework tasks may be given to support the development of reading skills including fluency, comprehension, inference and deduction skills.

Focus on Spelling:

Spelling is an essential element of good writing skills. Spelling activities will be provided as part of homework to build on the teaching of spelling in school and to support children's knowledge of words and spelling patterns. Weekly spelling lists will be issued to all pupils for which they will be given a weekly spelling test.

Focus on Mathematics:

We believe that the development of fluency in mathematical skills is vitally important and for that reason weekly maths homework will be given to all students with an emphasis on the skills that need to be developed and consolidated to establish a firm foundation for the mathematical concepts that students will encounter in the classroom. All homework tasks in mathematics will revisit taught learning in class.

For each homework task, an extension or challenge learning task will be provided to extend pupils.

Half termly Homework:

Pupils will be provided with a half term homework which focuses on building prior knowledge on their next humanities unit of study.

Specific guidelines:

- Homework will be set on a weekly basis, and it will be clearly communicated to children and parents within children's homework books.
- Homework will be appropriate to the child's age, ability, and the work they are doing in school.

- Homework will be given for the curriculum area studied that half term, with particular emphasis on reading, spelling and mathematics. Prior research work on a topic may be given as homework during a half term or holiday period.
- All homework will be regularly checked by the class teacher, and feedback given to students. Where possible, homework will be marked with the pupils.
- Parents and guardians are encouraged to support their children with homework, but it is the responsibility of the pupil to complete the homework themselves.
- Where homework is not completed by a pupil, the parent is notified and will have communication with the classroom teacher. Where homework is still not completed, a meeting will be held with the classroom teacher. A member of SLT or the headteacher will attend the meeting if homework is not completed over a number of weeks.

We ask that all children at Little Waltham C.E.V.A Primary complete their homework to the best of their ability and by the given deadline. An example of expectations in regards to homework will be provided at the beginning of the academic year for pupils to follow. If there are any issues related to homework, parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher, so that we can work together to ensure our students get the most from their education.