



## Exhall Junior School

### Homework Policy and Procedures

#### **Aims of the policy**

Through implementation of this policy, we aim to:

- Give pupils the opportunity to extend their learning in areas of personal interest
- Ensure a consistent approach throughout the school
- Encourage children to develop the confidence, independence, self-discipline and motivation needed to study on their own and prepare them for the next phase of education
- Make set homework relevant and meaningful for the child linked to work done at school
- Make expectations about homework clear to children, parents and other carers
- Provide opportunities for parents and children to work together, thereby, fostering an effective partnership between home and school

#### **Why do we value homework?**

Why do we value homework? Children benefit greatly from the mutual support of parents and teachers in encouraging them to learn both at home and at school. By valuing home-school learning, pupils are afforded the chance to practice skills, consolidate understanding of work covered in the classroom and to widen their own interests. Moreover, developing good study habits provides an opportunity for pupils to develop self-discipline, independence and the ability to take responsibility for their own learning.

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### **Homework Activities**

Homework at Exhall Junior School can take three forms:

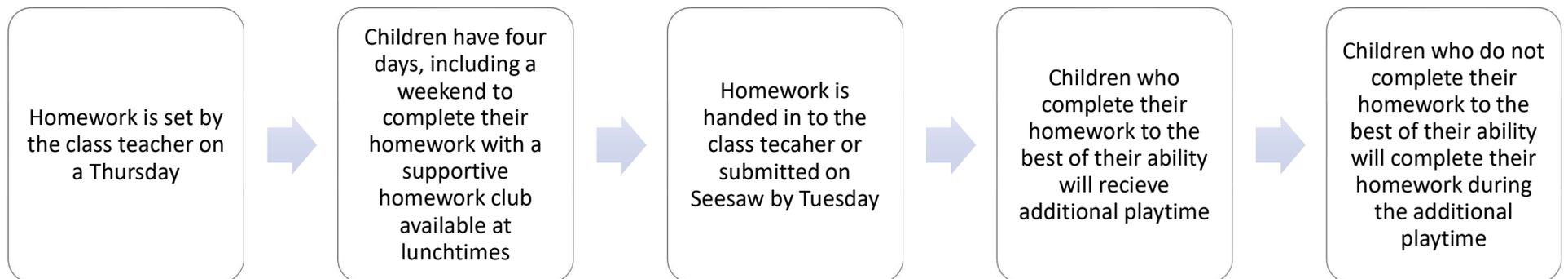
1. Curriculum Engagement	To engage and promote a love of learning and inquisition about their upcoming topic, children will engage in 'sparkly start' project-based activities.
2. English and Maths Consolidation	Each week, if there is not a curriculum engagement or specific need homework set, children will engage in home reading, spellings and times tables activities set on seesaw.
3. Specific Needs	If a member of teaching or support staff believe that some targeted homework will promote good progress, children may be set tailored homework activities to consolidate learning from a session.

### **Homework Schedule and Process**

#### **1. Curriculum Engagement Homework (Sparkly Starts)**

Sparkly starts will be set by the class teacher during the penultimate week of a block to ensure that children have enough time to prepare for and complete their homework. This also ensures that children have at least a week of term-time to complete their work for families who like to preserve their half-term breaks. Sparkly starts will then be showcased after the first Tuesday of a new block to ensure a similar rotation to that explained below.

#### **2. English and Maths Consolidation and Specific Needs Homework**





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#### **How you can help your child with their homework**

Below is a list of ways that you as a parent can show your child that you value their homework and the time and effort spent completing it. The school will also provide clear and regular reminders of their expectation when it comes to homework. As a school we hope that you will find this guidance helpful in supporting your child fully with their homework.

You can show you value your child's homework by:

- providing a suitable place in which your child can do their homework, preferably with an adult to discuss, encourage and support
- making it clear to your child that you value homework and support the school in explaining how it can help learning
- encouraging your child and praising them when they have completed work set
- signing and dating your child's completed homework to show that it is a true reflection of their best efforts
- ensuring work is complete and returned to school on time
- checking your child spends a suitable amount of time on homework Additionally, you can support your child's development by:
- visits to libraries, museums etc.
- cooking with them
- taking your child swimming
- playing games, e.g. board games, cards, ball games
- watching informative TV programmes together
- providing opportunities for craft activities, e.g. cutting, sticking, sewing, painting etc.
- gardening and growing plants
- using the internet to research something with your child (following guidelines for safe internet use)
- talking to your child about schoolwork, their day, what they have been learning about and how they have been learning

Remember: Homework is about reinforcing, practicing and confidence building...

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