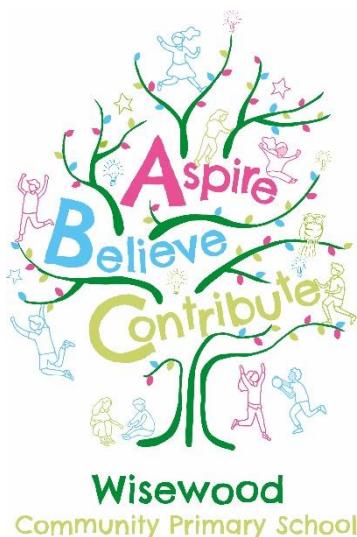


Wisewood Community Primary School



Home learning Policy

Aspire, Believe, Contribute

At Wisewood Community Primary School we are very committed to building strong home/school links. We know that education is the most effective where there is a positive partnership between home and school. We hope that homework/learning at home will increase a child's enjoyment of learning and his/her/their understanding. We know that it is crucial that we offer support to parents so that there is a better understanding of how learning can be further extended at home. In this policy homework refers to any work or activity which children are asked to do outside of lesson time, sometimes with the support of parents or carers.

Through our policy we aim to:

- Encourage a positive attitude to learning
- Consolidate and extend learning experiences and raise attainment
- Motivate learners
- Provide opportunities for parents/carers, children and school to work in partnership
- Ensure progression towards independence and individual responsibility preparing year 6 learners for secondary transfer

Teachers will undertake to:

- Set homework which is varied, has a clear focus and takes into account the differing ability levels of the pupils in the class.
- Inform parents if children regularly fail to do their homework or if it is below the expected standard for that child
- Praise achievement and ensure that all homework is valued and that pupils are given timely feedback.

Parents will undertake to:

- Encourage their child to do their homework regularly
- Ensure that reading is carried out at home every night
- Provide a reasonably quiet place in which children can do their homework
- Engage with homework by asking their child to explain what work has been completed and what they have learnt
- Encourage and praise their child when homework is done
- Talk to the school if there are any problems with homework

Children will undertake to:

- Carry out homework tasks as directed by their teacher
- Read every night at home
- Explain homework tasks and what has been learnt to their parents

Progression

All children will be encouraged to undertake home learning from FS2 to Year 6

In FS2, information about current areas of learning will be clearly displayed so that the learning can be followed up at home.

FS2

Our FS2 children are encouraged to read every night with an adult. This will start with initial sound work and progress to reading books that match the child's phonic phase and stage of learning. This learning will have been selected by the class teacher and will have been practised at school.

Spelling and maths activities are set to reflect the learning that happens in school.

The activities they take home will consolidate learnt skills so that they feel confident and proud of their achievements and progress.

Years 1 and 2

Children are encouraged to read every night with an adult. The texts will be selected by the teacher and will match their phonic phase and stage of learning. The children will have read this book at school.

Spelling and maths activities (often with a 'Times Table' focus) are set every week.

We ask parents to work with and support their children with these activities.

Years 3 and 4

Children are encouraged to read every night and at least 3 times weekly with an adult. We ask that parents question them about their reading and support children in extending their vocabulary.

Spelling and maths activities (often with a 'Times Table' focus) are set every week.

We ask parents to work with and support their children with these activities.

Years 5 and 6

Children are encouraged to read at home every night. This reading may be texts (both fiction and non-fiction) and/or newspapers. We ask that adults at home question them about their reading to check understanding on at least three occasions weekly and support children with the development of their vocabulary.

Spelling and maths activities will be set every week.

Parents can request a hard copy of this learning from the child's class teacher.

We ask that parents/carers encourage their children to work as independently as possible on the activities provided.

It is hoped that, up to Y4, parents will work with and support their children with their homework. From Y5 onwards, children will be encouraged, where possible, to work more independently to prepare them for their secondary education.

All parents have access to their child's online platform and can communicate with the class teacher about homework here.

Useful equipment to have at home:

Pens, pencils, ruler, colouring pencils, dictionary, thesaurus

School will always be happy to help parents struggling to use a device or learning platform. Please ask your class teacher as your first point of contact.

Wisewood Community Primary School actively welcomes parent communication and will work alongside our community to raise the aspirations of the children in our care.