

## Homework Policy May 2019

The policy of Lealholm Castleton & Glaisdale Primary Schools is that homework should be to support key skills and should not be overwhelming.

Staff believe it is important that children have time to participate in out of school activities but also have chance to practise key skills at home so parents are familiar with what is expected of children of their age.

Children would not be expected to spend an excessive amount of time completing homework and this should not take more than the suggested time below.

Homework will therefore be given as follows:

Infants:

Supporting your child at home

Early Years Foundation Stage: All children are given a sound book to help them with phonics practice.

They will bring home a book to share and when they are ready to read independently with bring a school book home

Years 1 and 2: Sounds and Key words may be given as required to secure children's spelling in class. These will be checked each time the children read, and changed when they are secure.

Reading: All children are given reading books. Please do read with your child and enjoy the books they are given with them. Reading is fundamental to all other work in school and the time we all spend on this area in the early stages will really help your child to make progress.

Spellings: Fortnightly spellings will be sent home.

Maths: hit the button/ times table rock stars

Children will be expected to read at least five times a week. Parents should write a comment in the reading records to show they have read. Questions will be in the front of the records to help parents ask questions and develop the children's comprehension skills. Children can also identify words they do not understand and use a dictionary to find the meaning or they can pick three

exciting words that they might like to use in their writing. These words will be displayed in schools.

Each time they read they will be placed on the beanstalk. Once they reach the top, they will be entered into the weekly prize draw.

### Juniors

Reading- as infants but children would be expected to read for 20-30 minutes. When they are able, they can write in their own comments but we still encourage parents to listen to them read.

Year 6 may be given practice SATs papers to replace regular homework.

### Maths

Times tables rock stars

### Projects

All children will have half-termly topics. These will involve a variety of things, researching, making etc. Parents will be given the project at the beginning of the half term and a date for completion. Parents are again encouraged to support their children throughout this process. At the end of the half term, parents will be invited to come into school to share and celebrate the projects

### Further Points

#### Purpose of Homework

Homework supports learning in the classroom, enabling parents to be involved in their child's education and ensuring the child's education is a two-way process between home and school.

Standard/Presentation We expect homework to be of the same standard expected in the classroom. If not, it will need to be redone, neatly.

Review Date: September 2020