



# **Mill Lane Community Primary School & Windmill Community Nursery**

***Growing, Thriving, Flying***

## **Homework Policy 2022 - 2023**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Homework can be a specific piece of work to be completed by a given date, or on-going tasks which can benefit the child if done a little and often. Homework should always have a clear purpose.

### **Our Beliefs:**

At Mill Lane Community Primary School we value the benefits to be gained from extracurricular activities. We believe that children should be encouraged to take part in and experience a wide range of activities outside school and learn to make choices about how to use their own leisure time. Our children are encouraged to find out things and to follow up school work at home. However, we feel strongly that they should not be overburdened with extra work after school hours but only set small assignments of educational benefit. The older pupils need to be given a flavour of what will be required of them in their Secondary Schools and are therefore given more regular homework.

### **Parental Involvement**

As in all other areas of school work children need the interest, encouragement and support of their parents. Certain tasks can only be done with help, for other tasks children might need prompting to organise themselves and then carry on alone, but parents should not need to sit with their child through every task. If a parent has had to help a child with their homework, it would help the class teacher if a parent let them know by writing a short note at the end of the child's work. It would help teachers very much if parents would try to ensure that school books are returned to school. Tasks performed at home will only represent a small proportion of the work done in class and are not on their own safe indicators of a child's progress. If parents have any worries they should consult their child's teacher. If children do not complete work in class, we would appreciate parental support to ensure that it is completed at home.

### **Time taken:**

At Mill Lane Community School we have a flexible Homework Timetable with particular subjects to be studied on particular evenings. Homework is set as and when it is considered necessary and some aspects of the curriculum require regular practice. Neither is there an ideal period of time for each child to work at home, it will vary with individuals. The amount of homework set will increase as children progress through the school.

### **Marking**

Feedback to children about homework may be oral or written.

**Reviewed:** September 2022

**Next Review:** September 2023

**Signed on behalf of Governors:**

**S A Watkinson**

## **Homework Timetable**

### **Nursery – Mrs Payne & Mrs Hardstaff**

Parents / carers to read stories frequently to their child  
Families can borrow books from the classroom

### **Reception Class – Mrs Pocock**

Each child in Reception will have a 'Home Challenge' book. Each week, staff will add phonics or maths information to the child's book to share what they have been learning that week in school. Parents are encouraged to sign to say that they have read this information and will reinforce this learning in an age-appropriate way at home. This might be through an active game or through discussion with their child. Children will also have reading books sent home to practise on a regular basis.

### **Class 1 - Mrs Palmer**

Reading to an adult 5- 10 mins daily, using the phonics reading book.  
Shared reading 10 minutes daily with your child at home, using a favourite book or one from our library.  
Reading books are sent home on Wednesday and must be returned to school on Monday.  
Later in the year, as the children build up skills in Year 1, there will be one piece of additional homework each week; this might be topic, phonics, writing or maths.

### **Class 2 – Miss Martin / Mr Thompson**

Reading books are changed on a weekly basis.  
Reading with an adult 10-15 minutes daily.  
There will be two additional pieces of homework a week which could be either topic, maths or literacy depending on the focus for that week. It will be set on Education City on a Friday to be handed in the following Friday.

### **Class 3 – Miss Shepherd**

15 minutes reading every night  
Alternating maths or literacy task handed out on Friday, to be handed in the following Thursday.  
Tables practice 5 minutes nightly.  
Topic menu activities given out for the term, then activities to be completed fortnightly.

### **Class 4 –Mrs Kershaw**

15 minutes reading every night  
Maths or literacy task set on Purple Mash or Education City on Friday, to be handed in the following Friday.  
Tables practice 5 minutes nightly.  
Topic menu activities given out for the term, then activities to be completed fortnightly.

### **Class 5 – Miss Rea**

Maths or literacy is set on a Friday to be handed in the following Friday.  
Spellings are put onto spelling frame on Monday, when we go through them in class, with a test on Friday.  
Children will be expected to write a dictated sentence using their spelling words.  
Pupils are expected to read for 20 minutes a day at home, and are expected to complete their reading records.  
A topic menu of activities will be given out at the start of a topic with a range of homework ideas linked to English, Maths, Topics, Art and design, and Science. Children should aim to complete at least 4 activities to a high standard each term. There will be rewards in school for exemplary pieces of homework.

**Class 6 – Miss Moseley**

Maths is set on a Friday to be handed in the following Friday.

Pupils are expected to read for 20 minutes a day at home, and are expected to complete their reading records.

A topic menu of activities will be given out at the start of a topic with a range of homework ideas linked to English, Topics and Science. Children should aim to complete at least 4 activities to a high standard each term. There will be rewards in school for exemplary pieces of homework.

**Whole School Occasional Homework Activities:**

Children should practice weekly mental maths recall.

Children can improve their ICT skills by accessing the PurpleMash website at home.