



## Cowley St Laurence CE Primary School - Homework Policy

At Cowley St Laurence we believe that homework supports children's learning and helps them to develop key skills they need. It also develops independent learning skills, including good habits of organisation and self-discipline, which are an essential part of learning. We know that homework provides opportunities for parents, pupils and the school to work together in partnership in relation to children's learning. We also believe that homework should be enjoyable for children and their families, and not put undue pressure on family life.

### Homework at Cowley St Laurence includes:

#### Reading:

- **Daily home reading:** Cowley St Laurence provides home reading books and reading records which are closely matched to children's attainment levels. These books should be read daily, either independently or aloud to an adult. The child or adult should then write a comment on the reading in their reading record, which will support the teacher with the child's reading assessment. Books are changed regularly. Parents are encouraged to use local libraries to supplement their children's reading.
- **Oxford Reading Buddy:** In addition to reading books all children have access to the online resource which will develop their comprehension and understanding of text through questioning.

### Other Curriculum Areas:

#### **Whole School:**

- **Half termly creative tasks:** each ½ term the whole school will have an optional creative homework set over a couple of weeks.

#### **In Nursery and Reception:**

- Pupils will bring a book home each week with an activity linked to the learning of the week.

#### **In KS1 and KS2:**

- **Online games and activities:** Children have access to online learning platforms. Links to these can be found from each year groups DB Primary homepage. The platforms available include:
  - **Times Table Rockstars:** a fun and exciting programme for pupils in Years 1-6. This supports children to recall times table facts quickly which is a key skill all pupils need to succeed in Mathematics.
  - **Maths Whizz:** for pupils in Years 5 and 6 this is an online interactive Maths tutor that works at individual pupils abilities. To gain maximum progress children should aim to spend at least 20 minutes a day, 5 times a week on this programme.
  - **Spelling Shed:** a fun way to learn and practise spellings.
  - **Purple Mash:** children can develop their computing skills through this online programme. The ability to programme is a key skill for the modern world and will equip pupils with the skills needed for the world of work.

#### **Time Allocation:**

- We recommend that pupils read daily and then on average spend 10 minutes a day on a different activity.
- By Y6 we recommend pupils spend 30 minutes a day in preparation for secondary school.

#### **Additional Information:**

- Teachers will set home-work at a level which is achievable for the child.
- Additional materials such as age-related learning objectives, spelling word lists, phonics sounds and times tables may be sent home to be support parents with their children's learning.
- Teachers will not provide additional homework at parents' request.
- Parents may provide their children with additional revision or homework books to complete at home, but these will not be marked by the teacher.
- Where a child is absent from school for a prolonged period of time, teachers may set home learning for them to do to ensure that the child does not fall behind with their learning.