



Homework Policy

At Murdishaw West Community Primary School we provide all children with half termly Homework Bingo grids to enable them to practise skills and learning completed within school. Sometimes the aim is to repeat learning from class as a practice exercise, at other times, the homework will ask children to apply their learning to a new context.

Homework 'Bingo' Grids are used across the school and have been designed to support pupils and parents. They provide a range of activities that can be completed over the half term of a main topic; other activities may be suggested for 'off plan' weeks.

The recommendation is to complete at least two tasks per week; in addition to reading. Completing additional tasks allows a pupil to fill their homework bingo grid and gain additional house points. Children will also be asked to read and home and practise weekly spellings from Year 1. Children in Year 2 and Year 6 may be asked to complete extra homework that will support their SATs revision.

Objectives

- To engage parents in their child's learning at home and in school and enable them to enjoy working together at home.
- To improve links between parents and the school and ensure we work together for the benefit of our children.
- To ensure parents are clear about what their child is expected to do.
- To motivate and engage pupils' interest in homework activities.
- To ensure consistency of approach across the school.
- To encourage children to develop the responsibility, confidence and self- discipline needed to study alone.

Strategies

- Homework will be set each half term using the 'Bingo' approach.
- Children will be given a set of activities linked to the topic for that half term in a menu in their homework book.
- There will be an English and Mathematics option as well as Science, History/ Geography, Art/Design Technology and Computing.
- Families may choose which homework they will complete each week.
- Teachers will mark homework and provide feedback where necessary.
- Additional homework for phonics/spelling may be provided at the discretion of the class teacher.
- Children are expected to undertake reading as well as homework activities.

Outcomes

Homework activities will be meaningful, challenging and motivating which will increase the enthusiasm and engagement of pupils and their families. Parents will feel more included and valued in their child's learning journey and homework will be undertaken in partnership with family members wherever possible. Families will enjoy the freedom of being able to decide when to complete tasks and use this to ensure that homework tasks are completed each week. Homework will be valued by class teachers and the link between home and school learning will enable parents to support children more readily in their learning journey.