

Cromer Junior School **Homework Policy**



PURPOSE, SCOPE AND PRINCIPLES

This policy provides guidance intending to ensure that the way homework is set across the school is consistent and sufficiently simple for all involved to understand and keep track of. Homework will be primarily focussed on the core subjects.

A rationale for setting homework includes the following points:

- It is an opportunity for children to work independently, beyond the classroom
- Parents have the opportunity to monitor and assist in their children's progress
- Skills can be practised
- Preparation for SATs
- Prepares pupils for further study beyond CJS
- Allows children to research a topic in greater depth

GUIDANCE

Homework should be marked promptly with an understanding that parents will take an interest.

Homework should not be set for holidays.

All homework should be set on Fridays.

Maths

Year 3 and 4 children should be expected to complete 30 minutes of Maths Whizz, at home, each week. The older children should complete 45 minutes.

Paper based homework should be provided for those children without access to the internet outside of school (*unless the children request the use of a computer at school*). Chromebooks are available in Breakfast and Homework Clubs.

Times tables should be set each week until children have developed quick recall.

English

Reading cards should be kept by children who need to be listened to read at home (those who are at the level of 'Early Literacy' in Accelerated reader. Parents of those children should be given information and guidance for supporting their children.

Children should be encouraged to take Accelerated Reader books home regularly.

Weekly **spellings** should be given to children to learn.

A **weekly writing task/GPS task** should be set for **Year 6** children. Activities should be designed to take no longer than 30 minutes.

Science

Year 6 children should be set weekly science homework. This is likely to be taken from past test papers and revision booklets. (TBC)

Other subjects

Homework may be set within other subject areas but may often be seen as *optional*.

Sanctions

Parents should be notified by text if homework is not completed. Children are expected to complete their homework in school if it is not done at home. Teachers have agreed to manage this during lunchtimes. Parents should be invited for a conversation with the classroom teacher if texts do not resolve the situation. If homework is still not regularly completed or is finished to a poor standard, the Headteacher or Deputy should be involved. A refusal to engage with homework may be an added factor towards placing a child on an effort level.

Approved by staff:

Date approved by Governing Body:

Date for review:

Signed by Chair of Curriculum and Policies committee