

Homework

Principles

Frank Wise School supports the use of homework as a way of reinforcing and extending what is learnt in school. Most importantly however, we value it as a way of providing opportunities for shared pupil and family involvement in learning. We firmly believe that homework needs to be relevant to the individual needs of each pupil. Our policy is therefore designed to be flexible, user friendly, focussed on enhancing the acquisition of knowledge and skills and their functional application.

This is with the aim of:

- Helping develop, consolidate and support pupils' learning.
- Developing good work habits and encouraging pupils to take ownership of their own learning.
- Involving families in their child's learning.
- Providing an opportunity for further home/school dialogue.
- Supporting pupils to develop their own interests.

Practice

- We do not set homework for KS1 or below, although we do recognise that activities such as sharing books for short periods of time can be both enjoyable and valuable for many of our children.
- Homework will be given at the families' request and where there is agreement that it is of value to the individual.
- The pupils work hard during the school day. Therefore, work of an academic nature may not always be appropriate and homework may take a variety of forms.
- We aim to encourage families and children to spend quality time together playing and interacting with each other while reinforcing developmental priorities. If the children do not enjoy the quality time spent together then the development and consolidation of knowledge and skills is unlikely to take place.
- Teachers, in partnership with families will be happy to suggest the types of activities that would be the most beneficial, but do not formally set and mark homework.

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