Oak Farm Junior School

Homework Policy

- 1. Homework is interpreted as learning activities set by the school and undertaken in the home for the following purposes:
 - 1.1 to extend and reinforce work done in school
 - 1.2 to support the child as an independent learner
 - 1.3 to encourage personal organisation skills and self discipline
 - 1.4 to provide parents with the opportunity to share in the child's learning
- The amount and type of homework will be in accordance with Appendix A. These may be amended in the light of national directives or internal review.
- 3. Homework will:
 - 3.1 Be set in all year groups.
 - 3.2 Be set regularly to be completed within a specified time. At least one full school day will be allowed . i.e. homework set on Monday in on Wednesday at earliest. Set Friday in Tuesday. Individual teachers will advise parents of the pattern of regular homework within their class.
 - 3.3 Be achievable with all children provided with the resources necessary to complete the task. Home resources can supplement those provided by the school.
 - 3.4 Fit within the recommended timescale set out in the appendix.
 - 3.5 Be marked promptly with appropriate feedback to the pupils.
 - 3.6 Provide one channel of communication between home and school.
- 4. Homework will not:
 - 4.1 Be a "punishment" for under performance in class. Completing unfinished classwork is not homework but a sanction.
 - 4.2 Be set unnecessarily.
 - 4.3 Cause distress to children who, in spite of having made a reasonable effort, have been unable to complete the work set. In such instances parents should communicate with the child's teacher.
- 5. The school will provide:
 - 5.1 Information on topics and areas of study to be covered during a term so parents are able to support the child's learning where appropriate.
 - 5.2 Information on how parents can support children's learning and, where appropriate, encourage continuity through explaining the methods used at school.
 - 5.3 Opportunities for ongoing dialogue concerning homework and how it can be used to improve pupil performance.
- 6. Parents will:
 - 6.1 Provide a quiet area and/or quiet time for completion of homework.
 - 6.2 Encourage their children's progress in reading:
 - (i) by listening to them read on a regular basis
 - (ii) by discussing books and other literature being read.
 - 6.3 Encourage their child(ren) to complete homework on time.