



# FULMER INFANT SCHOOL

## HOMEWORK POLICY

### Introduction

We use homework to develop the partnership between home and school with the aim of working together to help all children achieve their full potential.

### Purpose

The purposes of homework are:

- To enable parents to work with the school to help their child
- To encourage children to develop the confidence, skills and motivation to study on their own
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding developed at school
- To extend their learning
- To utilize the resources of the home setting to enhance learning opportunities.

### Framework

- The class teacher is responsible for setting homework
- The total amount of homework set in a week should be consistent and manageable
- Teachers should respond to the needs of the individual e.g. be flexible if homework is causing confrontation at home or a child is unwell / tired or unsupported at home
- Teachers should be aware that there may be an implication for the demand on resources at school, at the local library, at the local shops etc. e.g. if all Year 2 children are asked to go to the library to collect books on a specific subject.
- English and mathematical activities should each be set once a week and other subjects as and when appropriate for KS1
- There should be a balance between consolidation and practice and investigation and research
- Homework will be related to the topics being studied by the children at the time it is set
- Guide-lines will be communicated to children and parents so that all concerned are clear about the requirements of the tasks
- Guidance for parents should be appropriate, use simple language and be clear. Where necessary instructions for the activity given together with key questions and vocabulary
- Parents will be encouraged to provide an appropriate setting in which the child can complete the homework with the minimum amount of distractions
- Parents should be encouraged to praise the efforts of children
- All homework will be marked and feedback will be given in accordance with the school's marking and feedback policy
- The school will monitor the effectiveness and quality of the homework.