



## **St Martin's C of E Primary and Nursery School HOME LEARNING POLICY**

The aim of home learning is to help the children develop skills and attitudes they need for successful life-long learning. It forms an essential part of 'learning to learn' both in school and at home. As such the active involvement of parents and carers in their child's learning journey is vital.

We would ask that parents and carers read with their child every day as this is a very important way to improve your child's life chances and access to learning. Books are available from the school library, from class book corners and online via the Bugclub website which every child has a personal username for. Children progress from Bug Club to Accelerated Reader as they make their way through school. The different classes record and report on reading in a variety of ways and the Bug club website allows teachers to see what each child in their class has read, how frequently, and where their strengths and challenges are.

Homework will be set weekly. In addition to reading with your child each day there will be a weekly maths task and a weekly English task – these tasks should take no longer than 20 minutes each to complete.

Teachers will use a variety of approaches and these will be communicated to you at the beginning of year class meeting and via dojo. Parents are welcome to contact teachers via Dojo with any questions or concerns they may have.

Home learning is not exclusively the tasks set by the class teacher but also includes those wider experiences that children enjoy, eg:-

- Experiences at Brownies and Cubs
- A family celebration
- A visit to Dartmoor, the beach, woodland, etc

A record of these experiences either in writing, drawing or through photographs will be celebrated and shared in school.

We would like home learning to be a positive experience and it would be ideal if all parents could provide a quiet, comfortable time and space to encourage children with their learning. We recognise that home learning can cause conflict and this does not promote a love of learning; where home learning becomes challenging parents are encouraged to speak with their child's class teacher to work together to resolve any issues.

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