



## BIRCHINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### HOME LEARNING POLICY

#### LEARNING AND GROWING; SAFE IN GOD'S LOVE

##### Aims

- To teach pupils within the meaning of our Christian Vision
- To encourage a sense of responsibility in our children and help them develop a sense of pride in their learning
- To prepare for and extend learning explored at school
- To enable parents/carers to share in the life of the school
- To help prepare older children for life at secondary school
- To show that learning is fun and not a burden

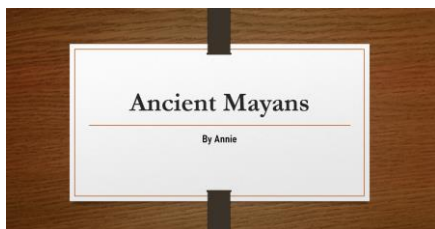
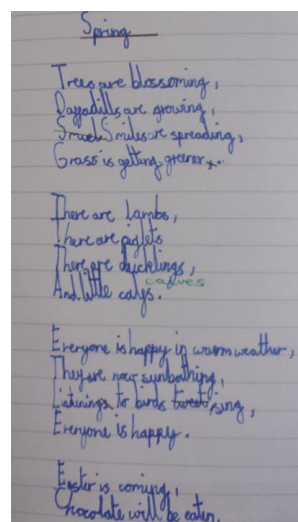
##### Approach

At the beginning of every academic year this policy will be updated and made available via our school website. If further advice is needed then contact needs to be made with the child's class teacher. Teachers will ensure an explanation of the task has been given and that Home Learning is collected in and marked on time.

All teachers will give out Home Learning on a Friday afternoon. Parents and carers can contact teachers via email or telephone to seek guidance, clarification or feedback on tasks set. Home Learning is collected in on the date set. We allow some flexibility in the quantity of Home Learning for a particular child/class and occasionally it may be appropriate for a child to finish a task at home/during their own time so they maintain optimum progress. For children with Additional Needs, reasonable adjustments can be made in liaison with the class teacher and/or Inclusion Leader.

##### All Classes

Home Learning may be from a range of subjects and recorded in a variety of different ways e.g. written work, photographs, art work, digital media emailed in to the class teacher.



We recognise that children have different learning styles and passions, and that family life outside of school can be busy. Therefore, there will always be a variety of Home Learning activities to choose from. The time spent on this should be relevant to the task set and the needs and ability of the child.

##### Early Years Foundation Stage

Reading, a range of activities that may include repeating nursery rhymes/counting rhymes, counting, reinforcing letter sounds, reading key words, sharing books, simple word building with magnetic lower-case letters / cards. Parents are provided with a weekly information sheet in their Home-School Contact Book. These include examples of challenges parents/carers can do at home with their child to support their learning at school.

### **Years 1, 2 and 3 Expectations**

- Frequent reading (at least 3-4 times a week) to be recorded in the school reading record.
- Key words, spellings, sounds for daily practice.
- Times tables as appropriate.
- Project based curriculum Home Learning, varying dependent on the project – details will be advised.

If a child does not read at home or complete Home Learning consistently, in the first instance they will discuss this with a teacher or TA who will make provisions to support the child e.g. offering support throughout the school day. In the second instance, contact may be made with Parents/Carers regarding support that could be put in place at home.

Home Learning is given out on Friday and collected the following Friday, unless stated otherwise as some Home Learning tasks may be set over a number of weeks.

### **Years 4, 5 and 6 Expectations**

- Frequent reading (at least 3-4 times a week) to be recorded in the school reading record.
- Weekly Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock Stars Practise – or spelling and times table practise by other means.
- Project based curriculum Home Learning, varying dependent on the project – details will be advised.
- Other relevant work related to their current or forthcoming studies may be set.
- For Years 5 and 6, a weekly SATs Companion task.

If a child does not read at home or complete Home Learning consistently, in the first instance they will discuss this with a teacher or TA who will make provisions to support the child e.g. finding new reading material that engages the reader, offering support in the 8.15am – 8.50am slot. In the second instance, contact may be made with parents/carers regarding support that could be put in place at home. After three instances of a child not reading at home or completing Home Learning, they will be given time during the 8.15am – 8.50am registration time. If they are not present for this then they will be given time at break or lunch to catch up on reading or Home Learning tasks.

Home Learning is given out on a Friday and collected the following Wednesday, unless stated otherwise as some Home Learning tasks may be set over a number of weeks.

### **Role of the Parent/Carer**

We greatly value the involvement of parents and carers in their child's education. Our parents/carers are expected to support and encourage their child by giving them adequate time and an environment in which Home Learning can be successfully completed. Frequent reading (at least 3-4 times a week) is an expectation. It is key to developing skills in characterisation and exposing children to a broad vocabulary. It is expected that parents/carers will support the school by listening to their child read and signing their reading record book. Children in Years 1-6 have their own Home Learning books to encourage them to develop a sense of responsibility.

It is important that parents/carers discuss a child's work with them, offering constructive comments and encouraging their child by reading to them or listening to them read.

We expect them to support the school in encouraging their child/ren to develop a responsible attitude to their Home Learning and ensure that their child/ren hand work in on time.

If a child is struggling or perhaps needs more guidance with a Home Learning task, we would ask them to seek advice from their class teacher as soon as possible. If a parent or carer needs support in ensuring their child completes Home Learning, we would ask them to also seek advice from the class teacher as soon as possible. Class teachers are available via email or telephone to assist with Home Learning questions and give support.

Please visit our school website [www.birchington-primary.com](http://www.birchington-primary.com) Pupil Learning Zone for links to useful learning websites.

