

# Ashley Junior School

## Home Learning

As part of our school aims we state we will help children to:

- ***be personally accountable***
- ***make informed life choices***
- ***have the confidence, skills and knowledge to be critical thinkers and independent learners***

We believe that Home Learning links directly to these elements of our school aims.

### **Why do we have Home Learning?**

- A direct link with parents and school. It encourages parental involvement and engagement in children's learning.
- It is an opportunity to reinforce and consolidate learning that has taken place at school.
- It encourages discipline and develops independent learning skills
- It enables children to pursue interests and extend their learning.

### **What type of activities should be part of the Home Learning?**

Any Home Learning task should meet the criteria above and must be purposeful and appropriate to a child's ability. There will be a range of tasks that will include:

- Development/reinforcement of number facts
- Over-learning of English and Maths skills
- Reading
- Spellings/word investigations
- Research over longer periods
- Practise of musical instruments

### **How much homework?**

Childhood is a precious time and it is important that after a hard day at school children are not saturated with more, similar learning whilst at home. Most children are involved with a number of extra-curricular clubs and activities that broaden and enrich their learning and life experiences. Active play is an important part of any child's development and, as such, should be encouraged. Such experiences are invaluable and should not be obstructed.

Our expectations are that:

- Children will read daily either individually or with an adult or older sibling
- Home learning is completed with the same high standards that are expected at school
- Children will not spend more than 30 minutes a night on any one task

Sometimes, children will become thoroughly engaged in a task and will want to spend longer and complete the task in a more detailed way. Of course, if this is the case, we will not discourage them from doing so.

**We will:**

- Ensure tasks are challenging, purposeful and appropriate.
- Communicate to parents via letter and the website what the tasks are
- Provide a 'Homework' club where children can access the library and receive support from staff on a regular basis
- Ensure children get feedback on their home learning

**We ask that you:**

- Support your children – particularly in the daily reading tasks and maths award scheme tasks
- Provide a quiet, calm place for home learning to be completed if possible
- Are positive about your child's home learning

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