

TROWSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Homework Policy

Children who are well supported at home with their learning make good progress.

At T.P.S. we believe that learning is an holistic process which is not confined to the classroom or school.

Whilst it is acknowledged that homework is important, it is also appreciated that children need time to access other organised out of school activities, e.g. Brownies, Cubs, dancing, swimming etc. which play an important part in integrating children into the wider community and developing the whole child.

The benefits of homework are:-

- . to encourage an effective partnership between the school and parents in enhancing children's learning
- . to consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding
- . to extend school learning for example through additional reading
- . to encourage pupils as they get older, to develop the confidence and self discipline needed to study on their own, and prepare them for the requirements of secondary school.

Homework tasks are set for clearly defined purposes. As such they are:-

- . vary according to the needs of the child;
- . vary according to the age of the child;
- . vary in frequency and length;

- . vary in type, e.g. will not always require paper and pencil to complete.

Tasks include:-

- . reading
- . learning e.g. of mathematical facts or spellings
- . additional research
- . collecting information
- . investigations
- . occasional completion or extension of work.

Foundation and KS1 children will be expected to read/share books daily with an adult at home. When children are ready, they will begin a spelling programme. Spellings from this will be given weekly and parents will be expected to help with their children with the learning of these.

Class teachers will give the children adequate time to complete their homework tasks. Completed homework is followed up in class as appropriate.

The amount of time spent on homework will increase as children progress through the school.

If it is felt that particular circumstances, e.g. a prolonged absence from school through illness, warrants additional work, this will be discussed between the class teacher and parent. If extra work is agreed, then adequate time will be allowed for it to be completed. This does not include absence from school during term time for additional holidays.

5th March 2008

Chair of Governors

