

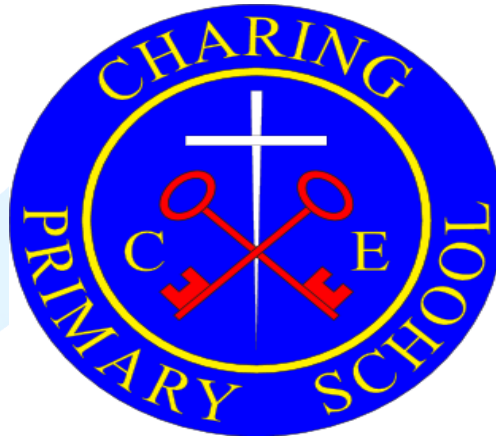
'...those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow

weary, they will walk and not be faint.' Isaiah 40:31



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Charing Church of England Primary School

Homework Policy 2019 - 2020

Our Vision - *As an inclusive community built on friendship and love, Christian values inspire us through faith in God and hope for the future. Everyone is empowered to recognise their God-given potential and to become lifelong learners. We work together to ensure we achieve our aspirations and encourage independence.*

Love **Friendship** **Kindness** **Truth** **Hope**

At Charing CE Primary School, we believe that homework is an opportunity for parents to be active participants in their child's learning and for them to gain an understanding of what children are learning in school. It allows children to consolidate, reinforce and extend their skills and understanding as well as takes steps towards independent learning.

Although homework is not a statutory requirement, we believe that when we set homework, we are asking the children to begin to take ownership of their own learning beyond the classroom; a skill that will benefit them throughout and beyond their time in education.

This policy will be reviewed regularly, to ensure it is relevant in serving the interests of children, families and our staff.

Aims and Objectives

- To encourage and nurture our children to become curious and independent learners.
- Consolidating and re-enforcing learning, particularly in English and Mathematics, to ensure children achieve greater success across the curriculum
- To develop an effective partnership between school and home.
- Provide opportunities for parents and children to work together to enjoy learning experiences.

School Expectations

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and must be returned by the following Wednesday.

There may be occasions where children will be asked to complete individual consolidation activities in addition to the expectations below:

- A weekly set of spellings to learn and an activity to complete. Then five mins each night to reinforce the learnt spellings for a weekly test.

- A maths activity to consolidate the learning in class each week.

EYFS/YR

- Every child is provided with a book to take home to read. This book will closely link to the RWI phonics programme. They will also take home red or green word cards to help practise at home.
- The children will all be given a 'Home Learning Log' book. Activities and messages will be sent through this to encourage parents to engage with their child's learning at home. We also encourage parents to use this book to record any special or significant activities or events so that their child can share this with their class. This may be a visit somewhere with photos or an amazing picture drawn by their child. It can be used like a scrap book or home diary but does not need to be completed every weekend.

Reading homework

We expect all children to read daily at home for a short period of time.

Squirrels Class

- Will use reading record book to record reading daily. Parents or children can record in their book as appropriate.
- 'My favourite story...' page to be completed weekly.

Foxes/Badgers/Owls

- Daily reading is to be recorded in the record book. One box should be used per week to fill in reading details.
- A book review to be completed towards the end of each term and based on a favourite book.

Additional homework may be sent out based upon class needs.

All children enter into our Buster's Book Club reading competition every Wednesday. The children are asked to record a specified minimum of reading minutes on their own bookmark to win a class prize. Classes can win for reading minutes, highest number of

book marks filled in or for being the most improved class. Results are announced weekly in Celebration Worship.

Homework will be checked and acknowledged. Children will be given the opportunity to complete homework during lunchtimes or during homework club after school.