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Homework Policy

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At Middle Barton school, we decided to write our homework policy based on research.

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/evidence-summaries/teaching-learning-toolkit/homework-k-primary/>

This led us to 'twitter' with threads from parents about the negatives and positives of homework. A sample of thoughts were:

- it makes relationships between children and parents strained
- there is never enough time to do it
- it's not taught the way we were and so I can't help
- It is never marked by the teacher and so my son can't see the point
- what's the point of making a mini model of the empire state building
- it's a great time to spend time together
- we love the different challenges we get
- we know how to help with spellings and tables

Implementation

Reading has the highest profile at Middle Barton, recognising its importance in accessing the wider curriculum and preparation for secondary education. There is an expectation that all children will read at home from Reception to Year 6 as often as possible either sharing a book with a parent or independently reading. Most children are using the school banded or phonics based reading books so that they are monitored. Children that do not read at home are identified and supported within school.

Times, division tables and number bonds are a prerequisite to so many maths concepts and are an essential platform for other areas so each child will be given tables or number bonds to learn, specific to their own ability ready for assessment in school. Teachers will set this work using an online platform- Times Tables Rock Stars from Years 1-6 each week where a minimum of 20 minutes is expected across the timeframe given. This will run from Friday to Friday for each class. If the children from Year 2-6 don't not complete their homework, they will be asked to do so during a break time.

The Reception children will bring home Maths games to play. These will help to teach them to recognise numbers and learn how to count. It also teaches them social skills like taking turns.

As we have kept homework to what we feel are the most important and prerequisites for maths and english development and progress, we expect it to be completed. It also helps to prepare the children for secondary school and the next stage in their education.

Linked documentions:

Home School Agreement
Online safety policy