

## Homework at St Paul's Peel C.E. Primary School

### Definition of homework

At St Paul's Peel CE Primary School we view homework as being a supported or independent task undertaken outside of curriculum time which reinforces, extends or enriches current learning.

### Purpose of homework

The purpose of homework is to provide opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's learning. It enables children to practise and consolidate skills and aims to broaden the context of learning and provide enrichment and extension. Finally, it aims to enable children to take responsibility for their own learning, to become independent learners and to develop perseverance.

### Role of school in setting homework:

- Be carefully planned and structured to support progression in learning, as part of the school's schemes of work.
- Be consistent across the school in line with agreed principles
- Be differentiated and meet the needs of individual pupils
- Support a range of learning styles
- Support a range of settings e.g. through parent guidance and support, joint family learning tasks, to independent learning
- Enable parents to support their children in meeting their individual targets. Allow parents and pupils to provide feedback on a homework activity.

### Role of parents/carers:

- To provide a peaceful and suitable place to work
- Seek clarification from the teacher if they are unsure of how their child should complete activities.
- Make it clear to pupils that they value homework.
- Encourage and praise their children when they have completed homework.

Homework follows the same pattern from Year 1 to Year 6 in the form of spellings and reading a minimum of three times a week and "Brain Boosters". Each week homework instructions will be glued into the Brain Booster book. There will be an English task and a Maths task. These tasks will be open-ended, i.e. your child may wish to spend longer on some tasks than others, or present their work in different ways. We want to encourage your children in their learning at home as well as at school, so we would welcome parents working with their children on their homework.

Parents are encouraged to write comments in their child's Brain Boosters book, for example if they have practised their times tables with a computer game.